



India becomes 25th nation to quit games

The troubled Commonwealth Games received another blow last night when India, the Commonwealth's most populous nation, became the 25th country to withdraw in protest...

The pull-out was announced after a weekend of indecision and hints at compromise apparently not taken up in London...

But by last night it was clear that Delhi had abandoned hopes of any conciliatory move by the British Government...

Announcing the decision the Indian Sports Minister, Mrs Margaret Alva said it had been taken because "no gesture from Britain was forthcoming"...

Although the withdrawal had been regarded as inevitable it further highlights the increasing isolation of the British position within the Commonwealth...

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By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Tory grandees intent on replacing Mrs Margaret Thatcher as Conservative party leader are thought to be behind reports of the Queen's "dismay" at her style of leadership...

It was being said yesterday that the Prime Minister has become the victim of a plot by malcontents within her party, who have seized on the rift between Downing Street and Buckingham Palace on South Africa to discredit her...

They hope that by using the extraordinary tactic of appearing to make Mrs Thatcher the target of Her Majesty's scorn they can persuade the Conservative party to jettison her in favour of someone more in the tradition of Tory paternalism...

But last night it was far from clear that the bid to oust the Prime Minister stood the remotest chance of success. Mr Michael Shea, the Queen's press secretary, issued an unqualified denial of the front page report in The Sunday Times, saying it was "entirely without foundation"...

Mr Andrew Neil, the newspaper's editor, insisted that the report came from a highly-placed source in Buckingham Palace, who was fully aware of the political repercussions...

According to The Sunday Times, the Queen believes that the Prime Minister's approach is uncaring, confrontational and socially divisive. The leak was triggered in the wake of mounting concern about a possible constitutional crisis over South Africa with the Queen and Mrs Thatcher at loggerheads over what should be done in the face of Commonwealth pressure...

But yesterday, senior Tories rallied to the Prime Minister's side, saying that the report was a travesty of their relationship. Two constitutional experts, Mr Norman St John-Stevens, dismissed from the Cabinet by Mrs Thatcher, and Mr Enoch Powell, both suggested that an attempt was being made to use the Queen for political ends...

Mr St John-Stevens said that the Queen would not dream of trying to undermine her prime minister. She had no interest in entering the realm of party politics because this would do grave damage to the monarchy. But there might be others who wanted to use the Queen in this way...

Mr Powell said: "I do not believe that our present sovereign has ever played foul with any of her ministers, so I do not believe all the hoop-ha which certain persons, no doubt for their own interests, have been putting around..."

"You might, if you were a dirty dog, try to get your object by suggesting a difference between the sovereign and her ministers. But only a dirty dog would do that..."

Mr George Gardiner, an influential right-wing Tory MP, said: "What seems to have happened over the weekend is that some, who claim to be close advisers to Her Majesty, have taken it upon themselves to drag the Queen into a political argument by giving a most unfortunate briefing on what they consider to be the Queen's private views..."

Ronald Butt, page 12 Letters, page 13



With a final round of 69, Greg Norman of Australia (above) won the golf Open at Turnberry yesterday, his first big championship. His aggregate of 280 for the four rounds put him five shots ahead of Gordon J Brand with a second British player, Ian Woosnam, sharing third place on 286 with Bernard Langer of West Germany. Page 30 (Photograph, Ian Stewart)

Hattersley warns rich on taxation

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, yesterday classed the 5 per cent of people earning £27,000 a year or more as the "very rich" and said that a future Labour government their taxes would be increased to the levels of 1979...

Mr Hattersley was clarifying his party's spending plans in the wake of the summit conference of shadow cabinet members at Bishop's Cleeve on Friday, when he rebuked Mr Michael Meacher, Labour health spokesman, for seeking to commit the party to uncited increases in health and social services spending...

He said that the £3.6 billion generated by the extra taxes would be used solely to increase pensions and child benefits, to bring in long-term unemployment pay and to raise tax allowances for low-paid couples...

Speaking on BBC Radio 4, he said: "It seems to us wholly unreasonable that while the general of men and women are paying more taxes, the very rich, people earning £27,000 a year or more, should have benefited..."

Mr Hattersley said that only these four things could be done in the early period, "the first two years", of a future Labour government. Other desirable aims, such as new benefits for the disabled and one-parent families, would have to wait until Britain could afford them...

He said: "We are absolutely clear we are not going to spend money that we cannot be sure is there in the Treasury and ready to be spent..."

The shadow chancellor said that he would bring in a wealth tax, but gave a warning that in its early years it would not generate the large amounts of money needed to underwrite additional increases in benefits...

Pravda signals upturn in Soviet-UK relations

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, yesterday hailed last week's visit to London by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, as a "landmark event in British-Soviet relations"...

The warm tone of the article was seen as a further signal of the recent sharp improvement in relations between London and Moscow. "Discussion of the entire range of issues of bilateral relations not only revealed good opportunities for their further development, but also produced tangible, practical results", the paper said, referring to three agreements signed during the visit - including one settling outstanding financial claims arising from the 1917 revolution...

The Kremlin's recent drive to improve ties with the main West European nations will continue today when Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, begins talks in the Kremlin which are expected to include arms control...

The West German Minister's three-day visit follows one earlier this month by President Mitterrand of France and comes as personal envoys have been despatched by Mr Gorbachov to European and other world capitals to outline in detail the new Soviet initiative on arms control made public last month...

WASHINGTON: President Reagan is sending envoys to Europe, Asia and Canada to outline his planned formal response later this month to new Soviet arms control proposals (Christopher Thomas writes).

Soviet nuclear workers face jail

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet authorities have launched criminal proceedings against workers at the Chernobyl nuclear plant who were blamed by an official report for causing the world's worst nuclear disaster by conducting unauthorized scientific experiments without proper supervision...

The number of workers has not been made public, but the Kremlin has pledged that, after police investigations are complete, they will face trial. In addition, four senior officials connected with the nuclear industry have been dismissed and instructions for the setting of new safety standards issued...

According to the hard-hitting report, which has taken a state commission nearly three months to complete, the disaster in the Ukraine has already cost the Soviet economy the equivalent of £2 billion, taken 28 lives and inflicted radiation poisoning on 203 people, 30 of whom are still in hospital...

In stark contrast to the handling of earlier Soviet nuclear accidents, the commission did little to cover up the enormity of the disaster. It reported that a swathe of land measuring 386 square miles had been contaminated and that "several hundred thousand people" had now been screened...

The report, which had been keenly awaited by Western governments, was presented to the Politburo at an extraordinary session in the Kremlin on Saturday. As yet, it has not been released to the public and the only account of its findings is a seven-page summary distributed by Tass...

There was no indication yesterday of when the report would be issued, although the Soviet authorities have agreed to present a version of it to a special session of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Tass reported that this is now due to be held in Vienna in September...

The agency's account of the Politburo session also called for international co-operation to devise measures to protect nuclear plants from attack by terrorists. This has become a growing concern since the demonstration given by Chernobyl of the enormous damage which could be done by sabotaging a nuclear station...

Although the report made clear for the first time that human error was the sole cause of the accident on April 26, Western experts said last night that it had left a number of important questions unanswered, including the details of the experiments being conducted...

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Fit for a princess

● Suzy Menkes reveals the source of the inspiration behind the design by

Lindka Cierach (above) for Sarah Ferguson's wedding dress and looks at the team behind the style

● Who's in and who's out: a portrait of the couple's wide and varied social circle

WEDNESDAY

Portrait of a wedding

● A role on the royal stage: a profile of the couple and their future

● From the Palace to Westminster Abbey: an illustrated guide to the procession and its route with full TV details and timetable

● The ceremony: the full order of service plus the seating plan in the Abbey and a guide to the participants

THURSDAY

● The most vivid and comprehensive report of the wedding of the year

Portfolio Gold

There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition because there were no winners on Friday or Saturday.

The weekly prize of £8,000 was shared by two readers: Mr C. Mather of Westminster and Mr R. Alcock of Quanton, Bucks.

Portfolio list, page 20; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

'Docklands' for cities

Run-down city areas may be made the responsibility of government-appointed urban development corporations, similar to those working to revive the docklands. The idea is said to have ministers' support

Bus ambush

Syrian efforts to restore order in West Beirut faced a big challenge after a bus carrying Christian doctors, students and American university employees was ambushed, killing four people

Legal cover

A private insurance scheme has been launched to provide individuals and immediate family with up to £50,000 cover for civil and criminal legal expenses

War warning

President Ortega of Nicaragua said Central America risked "total war" and called on President Reagan to abide by a World Court ruling seeking suspension of US aid to the Contra rebels

Computer aid

Computers are better than doctors at diagnosing stomach illnesses and their use throughout the National Health Service could save £23 million

Degree results

Degrees awarded by Newcastle and Ulster universities are published today

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By Alan Hamilton

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Bruised Bruno's biggest injury is 'to his pride'

Frank Bruno, who was taken to Northwick Hospital yesterday morning with a suspected fracture of the jaw after his defeat in the world heavyweight title bout, was found to be suffering only from severe bruising and was discharged after a short stay.

Bruno, took a severe battering to the head and was knocked down in the 11th round by Tim Witherspoon, of the United States, at Wembley early yesterday. After the bout he had talked of retiring, but still had a great future ahead of him.

Although Bruno could well afford to retire - it is thought he will receive approximately £500,000 from this contest - he believes that as he gave the champion a hard fight and would like to try again. "I still have my dreams," he said.

Witherspoon, aged 28, who had a swollen left eye, hidden by dark glasses, told the press after emerging from a press breakfast, that Bruno "did Britain proud" and added that he thought Bruno, aged 24,

good thoughts of me, know what I mean", digging at his familiar catchphrase. The World title bout was part of a series to unify the heavyweight titles of three world bodies and, even though Bruno was defeated, it is possible that he will get another tilt at the title in 18 months time when a final champion has emerged.

After Bruno had made his way back to the dressing room large sections of the 42,000 crowd spilled onto the pitch and police made 25 arrests. The crowd, disappointed at the result, pressed forward up to the ring barriers and many threatened Witherspoon.

The champion and his corner men could only find their way back to the dressing room under heavy police guard. As Witherspoon was half way to the tunnel, chairs, which were not bolted down or linked to each other, were hurled in the direction of the champion. David Miller, page 27 Fight report, page 30

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Cabinet looks at scheme to put new life in derelict areas

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Large derelict areas of Britain's cities may be put in the hands of new urban development corporations under a radical plan going to a Cabinet committee under the Prime Minister's chairmanship early this week.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, are now strongly backing the Department of the Environment's proposals to establish corporations based on the London Docklands and Merseyside development corporations set up in 1981. It is thought that two or three could be formed.

Mr Channon, originally concerned that such corporations would trample on the department's regional policy responsibilities, has now dropped his opposition.

The Prime Minister is understood to be enthusiastic about the plan, under which certain run-down areas would be run by government-appointed bodies and funded by the Government and the private sector.

Labour in push for Westland statement

An attempt is to be made to force a statement from the Government on the Westland leak affair before the Commons rises for the summer recess at the end of this week.

A report on the leak of a letter by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, to Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, is to be published by the Commons' Select Committee on Defence on Thursday.

A dispute over the future of the Westland helicopter company in January led to the resignation of Mr Heseltine and Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The committee's report is said to be highly critical of Mr Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, and Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary.

It is also said to discuss whether Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, was party to a cover-up attempt by holding of a bogus inquiry into the leak.

The Labour Party, according to MPs yesterday, may be ready to vote against a motion that the Commons should adjourn for the summer recess, to emphasize the importance they attach to the issue.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, is due to reply to the adjournment debate on behalf of the Government.

Mr Peter Shore, Shadow Leader of the Commons, is expected to devote much of his speech to analysing the conclusions of the committee's report.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Llandudno, yesterday wrote to the Attorney-General asking why the leaked letter from the Solicitor-General was sent to Mr Ingham and asking if Sir Michael was consulted about the decision to write to Mr Heseltine in the first place.

Opposition is expected from the local authorities in the areas chosen. For that reason it is expected that they will be in the less heavily populated areas of the big cities.

One is expected to be sited on the outskirts of Manchester, another near Birmingham. If there is a third it will almost certainly be in the North-East.

The initiative was the brainchild of Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction. It has been enthusiastically backed by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, since he took over the post in May.

It is designed to meet criticism that the £330m which the Government spends on the urban programme has not been directed at the areas of the greatest need. Ministers feel the great advantage of the corporations is seen in that they can operate without local authority interference.

They could be set up, without new legislation, under the Local Government, Planning and Land Act, 1980.

Ship letter admission

The Director of Public Relations for the Royal Navy acknowledged yesterday that he used a false name on a letter published in *The Times* on June 7 about the controversy over the design of frigates.

Captain Guy Llardet had at first refused to say whether he had written the letter, signed "Nicholas Wardle", although he agreed that the address was his.

But at the weekend he admitted being the author. A ministry statement said the letter was written "in an entirely personal capacity" and denied that it was conducted a campaign against the design of frigates.

The ministry is to set up an independent inquiry into the relative merits of "short, fat" and "long, thin" frigates.



Motorists halt to exercise and relax at the Granada service station on the M5 at Exeter as part of a police campaign to cut the number of accidents during the holiday period involving tired, long-distance drivers bound for West Country resorts.

Fears grow after Belfast killing

By Richard Ford

A "loyalist" assassination squad is bringing fear to Roman Catholics in north Belfast after the third sectarian killing in the area in 10 days.

The outlawed Protestant Action Board (PAB), believed to be a flag of convenience for the illegal Ulster Volunteer Force, lured a part-time taxi driver to his death on Saturday night.

The group booked a taxi from a company widely known to employ mainly Roman Catholics. When Martin Duffy, aged 28, a father of three, arrived to pick up the fare he was shot three times in the face, chest and arm.

He staggered to the car park of a hotel where a passing Army patrol radioed for an ambulance. But he died one

hour after being admitted to hospital.

Mr Duffy, a fireman, lived in Manor Street, north Belfast, which has been the scene of sectarian trouble between residents of the 150-home development. Protestants and Roman Catholics have been forced to flee their homes and a 12R-high fence is to be built to keep the two communities apart in what has taken on the appearance of a territorial war.

The Protestant Action Board, which has admitted killing a Roman Catholic building worker and a student since July 10, claimed responsibility for the latest killing.

A caller said that Mr Duffy was a known republican who had been involved in intimidation in the area.

Jail heroin barons hunted by police

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Police are investigating allegations of trading in heroin at Highpoint Prison, Suffolk. Thirty-two drug finds have been made at the jail this year.

Mr Phil Hornsby, assistant secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, which is calling for the Government to recognize the growing drug abuse in jails, said: "It comes as no surprise to the POA that heroin has been discovered there or in any other prison."

But as far as I know and recollect the problem at Highpoint is minor when compared with many other establishments."

Newspaper photographs published yesterday showed alleged drug abuse by identifiable prisoners. The Home Office confirmed that one prisoner at Highpoint was jailed for a year after admitting he allowed his home in London to be used in the supply of heroin.

The POA said yesterday that the IRA often controls the supply of drugs in top security prisons - Highpoint has a lower security category - and puts pressure on weaker prisoners.

When prisoners become eligible for home leave at the end of sentences, "heavies" who control drugs will tell them to bring back a supply.

The POA said that one danger of the drug problem was that drugs could artificial-

ly boost a prisoner's confidence, with the result they indulged in what they saw as heroics, became vicious and threatened the safety of staff.

"Generally the level of assaults on staff has more than doubled in the past year. The level of assaults between inmates has more than trebled in the past year."

Northeye Prison, badly damaged by riots, has a similar population to Highpoint, the association says. "Abuse of drugs is the reason the prisoners rioted."

The association demanded almost two years ago that all prisoners should be searched in accordance with Home Office rules at least once every 14 days.

But because of the financial squeeze, Mr Hornsby said, the Deputy Director General, Mr Gordon Lakes, put out an instruction effectively changing the rules, removing the 14-day requirement.

The Home Office said yesterday: "We have got more prison sniffer dogs trained. They make random visits at governors requests. They are based for most of the time in some of the bigger prisons."

Last week, the Commons social services committee said that cannabis may be quite commonly found in some prisons, but the extent of hard drugs was probably exaggerated.

Jenkins returns to York Minster

The Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins, preached at York Minster yesterday for the first time since the fire, caused by lightning, that destroyed part of it a few days after his consecration there in July 1984.

He repeated the views on the Bible and historical accuracy that led to demonstrations against him and suggestions of divine retribution.

The minster was full yesterday to hear him speak at the early morning service.

He said that the writers of the Gospels had been more concerned with passing on their faith than with historical facts.

"The story is important not for its historical accuracy, still less its scientific description. It is important for its message."

The bishop added that studies had shown that the early Christians had not been concerned with historical accuracy in the way that people were today.

"They wrote them down by writing them up," he said, and added that he was convinced there was an element of truth in many of the miracle stories. However they had been built up to be even more impressive.

Dr Jenkins said that people could not expect miracles on demand when the going got tough.

He said afterwards that he had no plans to attend any service marking the reopening of the repaired minster. "I think I'd rather let all that lie, and I haven't received an invitation yet, anyway."

China in talks on Everest

Talks will be held in London this week between Chinese government officials and organizers of the latest British expedition to Mount Everest to decide whether the climbers will make their attempt on the unconquered north-east ridge.

The expedition, comprising seven former SAS soldiers and a group of British mountaineers, is due to leave next week, but visas have not been issued by the Chinese authorities and expedition leaders have admitted finding difficulties in raising the last of the £220,000 costs.

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Fairies with human faces

A set of fairies photographed flying around a girl in a ditch in the Yorkshire Dales 70 years ago were drawings. Mrs Elsie Hill, aged 85, from Bunn, Nottinghamshire, a former student at Bradford Art School, said yesterday: "I drew the fairies, cut them out and stuck them in the ground."

The girl, her cousin Frances, who died last week, always maintained they were real.

Ban sought on 'racist' Biggles

Biggles and Enid Blyton's Famous Five could be banned from Oxfordshire libraries after complaints by Labour councillors.

The county Labour Group said yesterday that it was seeking a ban on Enid Blyton books because they were "sexist", and on Biggles books because they were "racist".

It is advising its rental clients not to use the boards.

Mr Sandy Garvain, for the firm, said yesterday it welcomed the restrictions imposed last month on all boards by Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council.

Mr Clout, who said his authority had not actively campaigned to persuade the towns to choose to move back to North Yorkshire, added later: "I have never in my whole political life attacked another authority, and it is most unusual for that to happen. But I owed it to my own ratepayers to challenge the statements."

The residents of Yarm ignored the advice of their own parish council to stay in Cleveland and last week the 20,000 residents of Guisborough voted along the same lines.

Mr Hanson said his authority issued the leaflet to counteract some views being expressed during the referendum campaign, and added: "We would resist any move to put these places into North Yorkshire. It would not make any administrative sense. They are a natural part of this conurbation."

Code to check 'to let' signs in flats boom

A group of estate agents in London is to draw up a code for the siting of "to let" boards, relying on specific permission from the vendor and complying with planning regulations (Christopher Warman writes).

The move comes in the wake of a boom in property sales, with a large number of new agents starting business. In many cases, the new agents put up their boards wherever they see others, and often convince the owners of flats that they have been instructed to sell the property.

Farrar Stead and Glynn, of south-west London, is one of an increasing number of estate agents concerned about the growing forest of boards. It says "to let" signs attract burglars, squatters and vandals.

Scotland Yard's D11 unit will provide training for some of Britain's 7,000 uniformed customs officers to help them to detect and handle concealed weapons.

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Yorkshire's exiles

Strong desire to move back

Twelve years after local government reorganization "exiled" thousands of Yorkshiremen into the new county of Cleveland, a campaign to win back their birthright is gaining fresh momentum.

Three towns have held referendums which have resulted in votes to move back within the borders of Yorkshire, but the efforts to persuade the Boundary Commission to agree has led to an acrimonious exchange between the two county councils involved.

Mr John Clout, the Conservative leader of North Yorkshire County Council, has gone so far as to issue a statement accusing the neighbouring authority of making "scurrilous" attacks.

And the Labour leader of Cleveland, Mr Bryan Hanson, has responded: "We do offer better services than North Yorkshire, if more expensive. I think the votes of people to return to Yorkshire is not just of the heart but also of the wallet."

Rates in North Yorkshire, the largest county in Britain, are substantially cheaper than in Cleveland.

The exchanges between the neighbouring councils have reached a peak as the three towns now in Cleveland - Yarm, Guisborough and Loftus - have all returned referendum results electing to go into North Yorkshire.

The votes have been forwarded to the Boundary Commission, which is carrying out a review of anomalies. Some residents who found themselves in Cleveland after the 1974 reorganization could not reconcile themselves with losing their Yorkshire birthright.

In his statement, "Yarm: the Headlines and the Facts" Mr Clout accused Cleveland officials of making scurrilous attacks on the quality of services his authority provides.

They were contained in a leaflet issued by Cleveland in the run-up to the referendum among the 8,000 residents of the market town which resulted in a 2-1 poll in favour of returning to Yorkshire.

Mr Clout said the leaflet stated that there were twice as many police and firemen in Cleveland per head of population compared with North

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Scotland Yard's D11 unit will provide training for some of Britain's 7,000 uniformed customs officers to help them to detect and handle concealed weapons.

A newspaper report said yesterday that customs investigations units would be armed as part of the Government's campaign to eradicate the smuggling and use of hard drugs.

But a Customs spokesman rejected the report. He said the police training was intended to enhance a range of training courses.

The police said: "Training in the recognition and safe handling of firearms which customs officers may come across in the course of their duty is to be provided by D11, but there is no question of customs officers themselves being armed or trained in the use of firearms."

Yorkshire, but ignored the fact that the serious crime rate was twice as high, and that the chemical and oil installations in the county were regarded as risk areas.

Mr Clout, who said his authority had not actively campaigned to persuade the towns to choose to move back to North Yorkshire, added later: "I have never in my whole political life attacked another authority, and it is most unusual for that to happen. But I owed it to my own ratepayers to challenge the statements."

The residents of Yarm ignored the advice of their own parish council to stay in Cleveland and last week the 20,000 residents of Guisborough voted along the same lines.

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Family insurance offer to cover expenses of criminal prosecution

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legal costs can be recouped with contingency planning under the first legal expenses insurance scheme to cover criminal prosecution as well as civil disputes.

The scheme has been launched by the new Allianz Legal Protection as part of its general family policy for legal expenses.

Aimed to be an alternative in certain circumstances to criminal legal aid, the scheme provides general insurance cover up to £50,000 for an individual and his immediate family to defend their legal rights, including appeal or defence of appeal against judgement, conviction or sentence.

Until now, insurance cover for criminal prosecution has been limited to defence of motoring prosecution and the defence of companies and employees for offences related to their occupations.

Mr John Long, managing director of Allianz, which

launched its policies in May, said: "We are obviously not seeking to insure known criminals and anyone with a criminal record (except for motoring offences) will not be eligible."

But the cover could assist a family where the wife suddenly finds herself on a shoplifting charge or the children run into trouble with the police and end up in court, he said.

"Unlike legal aid, it is not means tested, nor does it take several weeks to come through."

The scheme will not cover fines, penalties or prosecution costs "because to do so would offend against public policy" and there is also some restriction on the choice of lawyer: it is unlikely, for example, the company would agree to pay for Sir David Napley to defend the insured.

As with the rest of the family policy, which covers

civil claims such as consumer and personal injury disputes, motoring claims and employment disputes, the insurance company insists that the solicitor chosen should have expertise in the area of the dispute and the company is drawing up a network of such specialists.

The Allianz family policy, which costs £58 a year, will cover civil claims where in the opinion of the lawyer chosen, there is a reasonable prospect of success.

About half a dozen companies are in the legal expenses insurance market, including the Sun Alliance consortium backed by the Law Society. But only an estimated four million people in Britain have legal insurance, including company schemes, compared with more than half the population in West Germany.

One reason for the poor take-up is the exclusion of existing policies: none of them offers a comprehensive policy for divorce, for example.

The biggest growth has been in motoring legal insurance, but Mr Long predicts potential growth in cover for consumer and personal injury disputes, as well as for new areas such as intellectual property and copyright.

The blackmail business is booming again, with the extortioners cashing in on hardening social attitudes, computerized personal records and fear of unemployment (the Press Association reports).

The number of recorded cases of blackmail in England and Wales increased steadily from the 1950s to the early 70s. The figure stood at 118 cases in 1950, 241 in 1960 and 389 in 1970. But between 1974 and 1980, the figures slumped from 752 cases to 561, but according to latest Home Office figures the number up to 1985 show the number up to 614.

Mr Michael Hepworth, an authority on blackmail, has said the anti-permissive backlash, along with a tightening job market and access to computer records, provides an ideal environment in which blackmail can flourish.



Dame Alicia Markova teaching yesterday at the Yorkshire ballet seminar, Ilkley.

Stonehenge and tourism

Cultural showpiece delayed

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Efforts to turn Stonehenge into a cultural showpiece free of the present cramped tourist facilities have run into new trouble after more than a year of bargaining with landowners.

English Heritage, which owns the monument, has found land for a new car park and tourist complex away from the stone circle.

But it cannot persuade anyone to release the space needed to allow access for tourist traffic from main roads near by, and no date has been fixed for building to start.

Meanwhile the English Heritage concept of clearing tourist traffic away from the monument has itself been questioned by MPs on the

Commons select committee on the environment.

Mr Norman Maccampbell, QC, Conservative MP for Blackpool North, told Lord Eton, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and planning, that he was "gravely disturbed" by the plans adopted for Stonehenge by English Heritage. He said that his worry had been shared by Mr Chris Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury.

Mr Maccampbell said that English Heritage seemed "to have dismissed in a rather cavalier manner" other schemes which were "infinitely more attractive for Stonehenge."

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, sees the improvement of Stonehenge, one of the most popular and important archaeological monuments in Europe, as a key test of his organization.

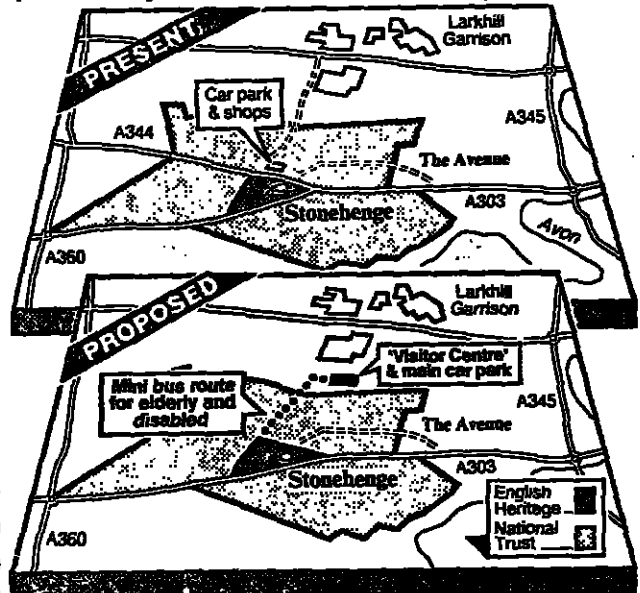
English Heritage was founded just over two years ago with the task of taking over and marketing the castles and archaeological remains run by the Department of the Environment. It decided that the best way to display Stonehenge was to clear all its tourist shops and traffic away so that the stone circle could be set in acres of open grassland.

Most visitors would have to walk to it from the new car park, although a minibus would be provided for elderly and disabled people. At present, a main road passes close to the monument over a concrete subway which leads from the car park near by to the stone circle itself.

The English Heritage plan means closing the main road and building a larger car park and tourist centre to the north near the garrison town of Larkhill. But although the Ministry of Defence has offered land, there has been no agreement with it or local private landowners.

"Schemes that require people to be transported half a mile to Stonehenge need to be examined very carefully," Mr Maccampbell said.

Alternative schemes involving an underground car park near the site of the present open-air one were rejected by English Heritage last year.



Shopping for butter at £7.20

A new "shopping basket" for people taking self-catering holidays abroad has come up with some surprising finds.

A kilo (2 lb 2 oz) of butter in Cyprus costs as little as £1.34 but in Yugoslavia it can be £7.20.

In Corfu, 250 grams of tea cost £1.18, while on the Costa del Sol the price is £3.20.

The guide, published yesterday by Thomas Cook, shows self-caterers are likely to find Cyprus, Rhodes and Corfu the cheapest places, with Yugoslavia the cheapest of all if butter is excluded. Yugoslavs do not use butter on their bread.

Tenerife, Majorca and the Algarve in Portugal, are the three dearest.

Two out of five holiday-makers going abroad are self-caterers. To help them, Thomas Cook checked on prices in local supermarkets of 15 items in nine different countries including England.

A bottle of beer costs 16p in Majorca but 55p in Rhodes. A litre of water on the Costa del Sol is 13p, but 32p in Tenerife.

Based on the cost of all 15 items, Cyprus proved cheapest at £14.39, Rhodes £15.73, followed by Corfu £19.06. The three dearest were Tenerife £24.34, Majorca £23.17, and the Algarve £22.81.

Yugoslavia would have been the cheapest, at £13.89, if it had not been for the butter. The cost of the 15 items in England worked out at £21.46.

£10 winter holidays on offer

By Derek Harris

Lunn Poly, one of the three biggest travel agency chains, yesterday offered more than 10,000 winter holidays in Britain and abroad at prices between £10 and £59.

They represent reductions of a half to three quarters on normal prices although the overseas holiday dates, destinations and hotels will be determined only a month before departure.

The Lunn Poly initiative comes after a spate of bargain offers for winter holidays from leading operators such as Thomson Holidays and Intasun.

The holidays offered by Lunn Poly in Britain are 500 weekends with full board at five Bunnies hotels, at £10 including value added tax compared with a normal price of £35 plus VAT. The weekend breaks are between Jazany and March.

A bargain offer, limited to 1,000 holidays on a stand-by basis, is for seven-day breaks in Spain for £25 each. There are another 9,000, again on a stand-by basis, at £59 each in Spain, Portugal and Malta. All these stand-by offers compare with a full brochure price of about £100.

The offers are part of the aggressive promotional approach by Lunn Poly which is forecasting that up to 250,000 additional holidays will be sold.

The average consumer has also become much more health conscious, they said. The dental problems related to sugar and those attributed to salt-suspected connection with blood pressure, has also meant that flavours must be compounded with less reliance on these ingredients.

The scientists are conducting research projects to see how flavourings designed to mature in a cooking cycle their peak when the process is completed in minutes. The team can take virtually any foodstuff or smell, analyse its chemical composition and reconstruct the principal ingredients. A computer database of 20,000 different fragrance types assist in identifying scents while a bank of more than 1,500 "flavour-building blocks" helps the technologists to reproduce the required flavour.

The parents of a boy aged seven who died after an operation are to sue two doctors and the private hospital where he was treated.

Mr and Mrs Jim and Linda McAlpine, of Glasgow, said that they would take their case to the United States courts if it was legally possible.

"We are not talking about revenge or spite, although we are very bitter about what happened. We want justice and hopefully no one else will have to go through the heart-break we have endured. It has been sheer hell," Mrs McAlpine said.

The General Medical Council suspended two senior Scottish doctors at the weekend for six months after a five-day hearing in London found them guilty of professional misconduct in their treatment of the boy.

Jim McAlpine died after an operation at Ross Hill Hospital, Glasgow, to remove a small blemish from his lip. Mr Martin Webster, a Glasgow consultant plastic surgeon, and Mr George Vaughan, an Edinburgh consultant radiologist, were banned by the GMC's professional conduct committee.

Computers could eliminate much stomach surgery

By a Staff Reporter

Computers are proving far better than most doctors at diagnosing patients suffering from severe abdominal pains, according to a DHSS funded research project.

It discovered that about £23 million would be saved and thousands of patients would avoid unnecessary surgery and investigations, if computers were used throughout the NHS.

Doctors usually order an exploratory operation for sudden unexplained gut pains, which are notoriously difficult to treat.

If the scheme were extended to cover other conditions and the software already exists - when the savings could be 10 times as great.

The project, organized by the Leeds University, involved 250 doctors, most of whom had not previously used a computer, and nearly 17,000 patients from eight hospitals.

Junior doctors, who used the computer, were as successful in diagnosing patients as a consultant in a teaching hospital or a senior resident at Yale.

The proportion of patients reporting to hospital casualty departments with acute abdominal pains dropped from 41 per cent to 26 per cent, it found. The proportion of unnecessary investigations was nearly halved. Appendicitis patients went to surgery earlier and the perforation rate was halved.

The number of bad clinical decisions, fell by four-fifths to 0.2 per cent and 33 fewer patients died during the trial period than would normally have been expected.

The conditions diagnosed by computer included appendicitis, inflamed gall bladder, bowel obstruction, gynaecological problems, re-

nal colic, pancreatitis and perforated ulcers.

Mr Tim de Dombal, consultant surgeon at St James's Hospital, Leeds, who coordinated the project, said: "I can see no reason why the DHSS should not seize upon this report, because we have shown beyond any reasonable doubt how savings can be made, and how doctors can perform better. In fact, the DHSS began evaluating this concept in 1974 and we are now 12 years on."

Mr de Dombal emphasized that doctors would not lose their skills or become over-reliant on computers. "These programmes are actually a teaching aid for doctors, and we found that even after they stopped using the computer, their decision-making abilities improved."

So far the Department of Health has not acted on the report, which ran into eight drafts before a final version could be approved and produced in November last year.

The department has said it cannot comment on the report until it hears from the Royal College of Surgeons.

People in Britain are dying of skin cancer because they do not consult their family doctors early enough, a medical report says.

The report by Glasgow skin cancer specialist, Professor Rona MacKie, published in the medical magazine, Pulse, shows that too many patients did not see the doctor until too late, because they were unaware that anything serious was wrong.

It found that 80 per cent of patients studied, had delayed for three months or more before first attending their family doctor. Many waited for longer than a year.

Doctors' leaders claimed today that the Government's commitment to the National Health Service "shows signs of faltering."

The charge was made by the general medical services committee of the British Medical Association.

Dr Michael Wilson, its chairman, said that an overriding lack of adequate resources was threatening standards and quality.

The committee, which represents all health service general practitioners, said that development of the primary care system had been thwarted by four years of government inertia.

In a report published today, the committee commented on proposals announced in April by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, for substantial changes in the family doctor, dentist and pharmacy services.

It rejected Mr Fowler's most radical suggestion, for "health care shops" where GPs would offer a joint service with chemists, dentists, opticians and other medical professionals.

The report said that there was no reason in principle why premises should not be shared between various types of practitioner.

The committee said the Government's idea was that primary care under the health service could be run on a profit-making basis by non-medical companies.

It added: "We do not believe the NHS could be developed in this way without there being a conflict between patient interest and a profit motive."

The committee also had no objection to private health care, provided that it did not compromise the universal availability of free and accessible health service care.

The committee added that another Mr Fowler's proposal, for a "good practice" allowance for doctors who gave higher standards of care, was unlikely to raise standards.

It added: "If a number of practitioners felt they had no prospect of ever receiving such an allowance, any incentive for them would be lost altogether."

"General Medical Services Committee Report."

Suspended doctors to be sued over death

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Action plea on court oath after talks fail

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, is to be asked to set up a working party on whether the oath in civil and criminal proceedings should be reformed after stalemate at talks between the legal profession and the Church of England.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has steadfastly opposed proposals from magistrates, the Law Society and justices' clerks to abolish the oath taken by witnesses and to replace it with a simple promise to tell the truth.

But in reply to a question on the issue raised at the instigation of the Law Society at the recent General Synod in York of the Church of England, he said he would co-operate with any commission of inquiry.

A renewed campaign to abolish the oath was started two years ago because the oath was felt to be an "out of date ritual with little or no meaning" for most people.

The legal groups favour a

simple promise before God along the lines of that made in juvenile courts.

Dr Douglas Acres, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "First and foremost, for someone to come into the witness box and have to make a choice as to whether to affirm or swear an oath is immediately divisive."

Second, he said, if someone was minded to tell the truth, they would do so anyway, irrespective of whether they had sworn to do so. Third, the fear of prosecution for perjury was likely to carry more weight than "hell or damnation."

Another proposal being canvassed is to reverse the present assumption that witnesses would take the oath unless they choose to affirm. In that way everyone would automatically affirm to tell the truth, unless they opt for the oath.

Neither proposal meets with the approval of the church which describes its response as "lukewarm."

Tea still the top beverage

Tea is still the top drink with the British who drink about 196 million cups every day, according to figures released yesterday.

The British cup of tea accounts for 45 per cent of everything we drink and on average we consume 3.77 cups a day, compared with 1.8 cups of coffee, 1.3 cups of alcohol, 1.03 cups of soft drinks and 0.19 cups of milk.

Almost half our daily drink is tea, 21 per cent is coffee, 19 per cent alcohol, 12 per cent soft drinks and 4 per cent others, the Tea Council says.

In Britain the annual consumption of tea per person is 1,355 cups, compared with 889 cups in New Zealand, which comes second, 642 cups in Australia, 325 cups in Russia and 321 cups in the United States.

Two shot in restaurant

Two people were injured when two gunmen shot at customers in The Pheasantry restaurant in King's Road, Chelsea, west London, early yesterday, and ran off.

Miss Pamela Taylor, aged 22, of Ebury Bridge Road, Putney, west London, and Mr Patrick Kynch, aged 23, of Ridgeway, Wimbledon, south-west London, were treated in St Stephen's hospital, Fulham, for bullet wounds, said not to be serious.

Illness ship returns home

The P&O liner, Canberra, was due to return to Southampton today with health investigators on board still baffled by the cause of an illness which has affected more than 160 people on a 21-day Mediterranean cruise.

The 24-hour illness has struck on the ship's last five cruises. An "appalling and dreadful" standards of hygiene on board.

Family killed in house fire

A family of five died in a fire at their home in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, yesterday.

The bodies of Mr David Court, his wife, Katherine, and their children, Michael, aged seven, Lee, aged four, and Nichola, aged two, were found in a rear bedroom of the house. Police were not treating the fire as suspicious.

Robot revolution for Japanese cars

European car makers struggling to match Japanese rivals will fall further behind when factories using only a minimum of workers come into operation, it was claimed yesterday.

A report on the Japanese motor industry says that by the 1990s the Japanese will be producing 300,000 cars a year using a workforce of 95 people per shift. "Intelligent" computers will be able to reorganize output according to changing market demands.

Professor Krish Baskar, head of the Motor Industry Research Unit at the East Anglia University, has calculated that on average a robot will pay for itself within two years.

The report concludes that Japanese cars have a clear advantage over Western cars in quality and reliability, although it admits that evidence is difficult to come by because of the varying standards man-

ufacturers impose on claims for warranty payments, and because actual warranty costs are kept secret.

The report claims that Nissan cars sold in Britain have an average warranty cost of only £17 a year compared with £48 for Vauxhall, £56 for Ford and £100 for Austin Rover. It admits, however, that its findings are based on last year's results and that Austin Rover in particular has made "a dramatic improvement".

Quality and the Japanese Motor Industry. Lessons for the West" (University of East Anglia, Norwich, 1979).

Ford, which has built more than 20 million cars in Britain, is searching for the first car it ever made, at Manchester in 1911.

It believes it has the oldest surviving car, a Model T Torpedo Runabout, which was assembled at Trafford Park in February 1912, but it is possible an older one exists.

John Lewis moves to out-of-town shopping

By Our Industrial Editor

The John Lewis Partnership is to open three new stores by 1990, including its first out-of-town outlet on a green field site at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Until now, the partnership has concentrated on town centres but the High Wycombe store, to be built near the M40 motorway, is a recognition of the trend for shopping away from town centres.

The group has reached agreement in principle to buy eight-and-a-half acres of land at High Wycombe and hopes to open the store by early 1988. It will be built near an existing development by Asda, the grocery "superstore" chain, which is part of the Leeds-based ADG.

Two other John Lewis stores are planned for Aber-

deen, to open in autumn 1989, and at Kingston, Surrey, to open by 1990. Extensions to a number of existing stores are also planned.

A spokesman for John Lewis said that the High Wycombe store would concentrate on furniture, furnishings and leisure. There would be no fashion departments because those lines were seen as belonging to areas of intense competition, such as town centres.

Mr Stuart Hampson, director of research and expansion, said that the group was prepared for a big shift in shopping patterns. "We cannot ignore the current of change, which is leading to a growth in out-of-town shopping," he said.

Illegitimate births rise in age of live-in couples

More British couples are living together instead of getting married, and almost one in five children born in England and Wales last year was illegitimate, a study shows.

Illegitimate births increased from 55,000 in 1975 to 126,000 last year, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

Many women having children were cohabiting. This was shown by the rising number of illegitimate births

registered in joint names, 65 per cent last year compared with 49 per cent in 1975.

The Family Policies Studies Centre said yesterday that more illegitimate children are born in the United Kingdom than in most of the rest of Europe.

In 1983 15.4 per cent of UK births were illegitimate, compared with 5.2 per cent in Belgium, 7 per cent in The Netherlands, 4.8 per cent in Italy and 14.2 per cent in

France. But in Sweden, Iceland and Denmark more than 40 per cent of children were born out of wedlock.

Between the early 1960s and early 1980s, the number of women under 25 who lived with their husbands before marriage rose from 2 per cent to 21 per cent. But Mr Malcolm Wicks, director of the centre, said marriage was still favoured by most British couples.

But he added: "There is a

growing number for whom this is not the case.

"Although some illegitimate births are accidental, the increase is much more due to couples living together in some form of stable relationship and having children, presumably as a matter of policy."

"Attitudes generally towards cohabitation and sex before marriage are much more liberal than they used to be."

Divorce plea

Sir Douglas Hague, aged 59, a former economic adviser to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, has filed an uncontested petition in the London Divorce Court after 39 years of marriage.

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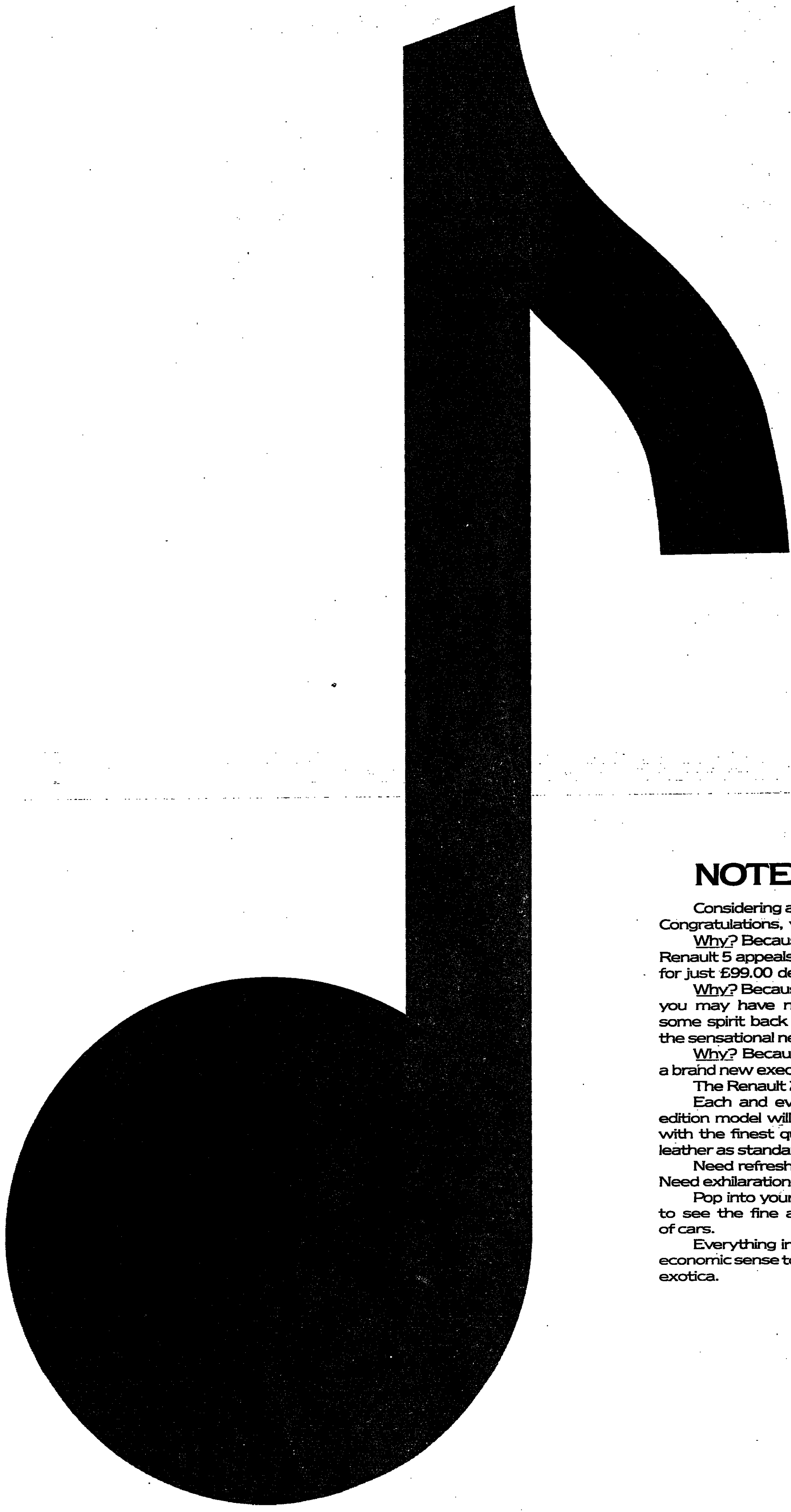
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Royal wedding and the Commonwealth Games help lure back visitors

This week's royal wedding and the opening of the Commonwealth Games will help to reverse the slump that affected London and Edinburgh's tourist markets earlier this summer, industry sources in the two cities said.

In spite of the growing number of countries that have pulled out of the Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh's hotels are already 90 per cent full with officials, athletes, spectators and newsmen packing the city for the 10-day event.

The Scottish Tourist Board predicted £50 million would be injected into the region's economy as a result, not including the income from the Edinburgh festival next month.

Like the rest of Britain, Scotland's tourist industry was plagued by a succession of setbacks earlier this year, including the cancellation of American bookings after the Libyan raids and the fear of radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union.

"What began as a poor year for tourism has blossomed," a spokeswoman for the Edinburgh City Council said. "Although the boycott may affect the quality of the games it has not dented the bookings, and many Australians and Canadians have come over as well as tourists from within the UK."

The Gleneagles hotel group said it had been blighted by cancellations earlier this summer, but that both its hotels in Edinburgh were now fully booked.

The US bombing raids on Libya and the Chernobyl nuclear accident led at first to wholesale cancellations of American hotel bookings in Europe, with Britain the main sufferer. But, in the first of a two-part series, Nicholas Beaton reports on how two events are luring back the transatlantic travellers and how internal tourism is gearing up for a busy season

"The Caledonian Hotel has become the flagship for the Commonwealth Federation officials, and the BBC has booked up most of the rooms at the North British Hotel," a spokeswoman for the company said.

Although the marriage on Wednesday between Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson is not expected to draw in many foreign tourists, hoteliers and tourist organizations predict the spin-off from the wedding could compensate for the poor results in April, May and June.

Britain was badly affected by the fall in the number of American visitors, who account for 25 per cent of annual tourist revenues, the single largest foreign market. In April the number of Americans visiting London was 19 per cent down on last year's record figures, and transatlantic traffic was 27 per cent down in May.

According to British Airways, Hertz car rentals and the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association business began to pick up sharply at the end of last month, largely because of marketing incentives launched in the US. "You can see and hear Americans all over the city

now and a number of our hotels in central London are fully booked," a spokesman for the leading hotel chain, Trust House Forte, which has 7,000 hotel beds in London, said.

Mr George Goring, the owner of the Goring Hotel and a member of the association, said: "There is no doubt that the royal wedding is a great publicity boost for London and we shall probably feel the effects of it later this year and next year."

"Nancy Reagan's decision to accept the invitation to the wedding at a time when Americans were uncertain about coming back here was another major factor in helping to get the industry back on its feet," he added.

The London Visitor and Convention Bureau said that television coverage of the wedding to 300 million viewers worldwide would be the "best possible advertisement for Britain abroad."

The British Tourist Authority said it hoped the difficulties encountered earlier this year would only be a hiccup and that 1986 would match last year's record tourist revenues of £10 billion. Tomorrow, Seaside resorts



Catherine Scammell, a probation ancillary, helping the driver of Mighty Midget at the contest (Photograph: Paul Martin).

Offenders rally to bangers

Teenage motoring offenders were among the leading drivers at the National Youth Banger Championship at the weekend (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

Twenty-seven youth groups, including 15 specializing in helping young offenders, fielded 60 drivers aged between 14 and 18 in the contest at Northampton stadium.

One of the teams, sporting red-and-white racing colours, was from the Ilberton project, which offers scrap cars to teenagers who have committed offences, in the hope of persuading them out of crime and into legitimate competition.

The project, started by two probation officers, Mr Ronald Conn and Miss Ann Reed, and run by the Probation Service and Lewisham Borough Council, is thought to have been the first of 45 similar groups in the United Kingdom. It has the support of the Metropolitan Police, and organized the championship on behalf of the National Association of Motor Projects.

Another team, of equal numbers of Protestants and Roman Catholics, from the Newtownabbey Auto Project, near Belfast, raised £1,200 to get to Northampton.

EEC fishing rules may be tightened

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government is determined to see that Britain's EEC partners should implement proper control of fishing catches. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday.

Commenting on a recent report by the European Commission, which accused several countries of flouting the rules and ignoring quota restrictions, Mr Jopling described overfishing as "stealing", and said that the common fisheries policy (CFP) must be properly policed.

Mr Jopling, who is president of the EEC Council of Fisheries Ministers until the end of the year, is under pressure from fishermen's organizations to take action against offenders.

The fishermen claim that, because annual CFP negotiations have recently been amicable, unlike the bitter wrangling usually associated with the common agricultural policy price fixing, the policy is assumed to be working well.

But they claim that this is an illusion because fishing fleets in countries such as The Netherlands and Denmark paid lip service to the agreement and then proceeded to do exactly as they liked.

Farmland threatened by water

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Nearly half of all arable land in Britain is being threatened by erosion, a report by the Soil Association claims.

But wind-borne erosion, in the form of "dust storms", encouraged by the removal of hedges and other windbreaks, is confined to only a few areas, and is insignificant compared to the effects of water, it says.

Until recently, water-induced erosion was not thought to be a serious problem in Britain. But in the past three or four decades the move towards more intensive agriculture, the abandonment of traditional mixed farming and crop rotation, have caused a significant deterioration.

Some reports have recorded losses of up to 300 tonnes a hectare a year. On relatively thin soils, such as the South Downs, productive capacity may be totally destroyed within a few decades.

It calls for an urgent, detailed assessment of the actual, and potential, extent of erosion.

Soil erosion in Britain. R D Hodges and C Arden-Clarke (The Soil Association Ltd, 86-88 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB, £3.50).

Meeting on sugar bid

Meetings aimed at assuring British sugar growers that their interests are not threatened by the prospect of an Italian takeover begin in Norwich tonight.

Signor Raul Gardini, president of the Venice-based Ferruzzi corporation, and Sir Richard Butler, the new chairman of its British subsidiary, Agricola UK, will answer questions from farmers and the public. A similar meeting will be held in Drogheda Spa, Worcestershire, tomorrow.

The National Farmers' Union has made no secret of its distaste for the Italian bid and has said it wants the British Sugar Corporation, which is responsible for allocating quotas and is also the monopoly buyer for all home grown beet, to remain under British control.

South 'has land for homes'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The South-east has ample land for housing planned in the next few years, a new report says.

The finding contradicts statistics produced by the Housebuilders' Federation, and comes amid disagreements between conservationists and planners about the future of the region.

Many groups are awaiting the outcome of a public inquiry into the proposal for a new town on Green Belt land at Tillingham Hall in Essex.

which could determine future land provision.

The new conclusions are put forward by the London and South East Regional Planning Conference, which says that, in the 12 counties it covers outside London, land is available for nearly 270,000 homes to be built in the next five years.

It estimates that figure to be 29 per cent more than that required by approved local authority structure plans.

The 12 counties' structure plans show that provision has been made for about 209,000 homes. The conference's survey shows that the land available is equivalent to about 17 months' extra building capacity, and identifies land for a further 103,000 homes after the first five years.

The counties are: Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex.

Change in coroner system proposed

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Complex and controversial inquests should be handled differently, according to a report by Justice, the British section of the International Commission of Jurists.

Many of these cases lead to criticism of the coroner where, for example, he has appeared to support the police. Justice says such criticisms often cause ill-feeling towards the coroners system and can lead to doubts about the impartiality of public inquiries into certain deaths.

The solution proposed by Justice is to group existing coroners into areas, with a senior coroner appointed for each, and to give them further training. The senior coroner would handle controversial cases.

A change in procedure would be for the senior coroner to have the power to appoint a counsel to the inquest, instructed by the Treasury solicitor, to present the evidence from an independent standpoint.

"In controversial cases the coroner would thus become much more of an umpire, resolving procedural disputes between counsel and delivering a summing-up at the conclusion of the case, but remaining above the dust of the arena for the most part," they said.

"We recognize that this is in some respects more adversarial than inquisitorial, but not we think in any way that is likely to embarrass the coroner."

Generally the committee recognizes the need to improve the standard of coroners and for interested parties to have a greater role at the inquest.

The report recommends that the coroners service should be the responsibility of central, not local government, and that the appointment of coroners should rest with the Lord Chancellor, aided by local advisory committees.

Training should be centralized and strengthened, the report says. Interested parties should have access to statements in the coroner's file, and should have the right to insist that witnesses be called.

Coroners Courts in England and Wales (a report by Justice, 95a Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT, £2.50).

AIDS. NEED YOU WORRY?

AIDS is a deadly disease. Not all the information about it has been entirely accurate, so many people are confused about who is at risk, how the disease is spread and how dangerous it is.

Please read this carefully. It is up-to-date and authoritative. Only if the facts about AIDS are understood can we hope to control its spread and prevent unnecessary suffering and death.

Donald Acheson, Sir Donald Acheson, Dr. G. Crompton, Dr. L. S. Macdonald, Dr. R. J. Weir, Chief Medical Officers to the Health Departments of the United Kingdom.

WHAT IS AIDS?

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It is caused by a virus that attacks the body's natural defence system.

Not everyone who carries the virus has developed AIDS itself. In fact most have not. But anyone who has the virus can pass it on, even if they feel and look completely well.

It is vital for everyone to avoid catching the virus, as there is no known cure for AIDS.

HOW IS AIDS SPREAD?

If you and the people close to you are to keep yourselves free from

AIDS, it is important that you know how the virus is spread.

The only likely way for someone to catch the AIDS virus is for the blood or semen from an infected person to get inside his or her body.

Most people who have the AIDS virus caught it by having sex with an infected person. Almost all the rest have caught it by injecting themselves with drugs, using equipment shared with an infected person.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT AN INFECTED PERSON GIVING YOU AIDS FROM:

- Normal social contact such as shaking hands, touching and hugging. Swimming pools, restaurants and other public places. Coughs, sneezes and spitting. Clothing. Toilet seats, door knobs, food, glasses and cups.

NOR SHOULD YOU WORRY ABOUT CATCHING AIDS FROM:

- Being a blood donor. Having a blood transfusion. Having injections or any other treatment from your doctor, dentist or other health care worker.

WHEN SHOULD PEOPLE BE WORRIED?

Sex with an infected person is always risky. People may not know they are infected so casual sex is risky. And the more partners, especially male partners, someone has, the more likely they are to have sex with an infected person. Sexual acts with infected people that may damage the anus, penis, mouth or vagina are extremely risky. Anal sex involves the highest risk and should be avoided.

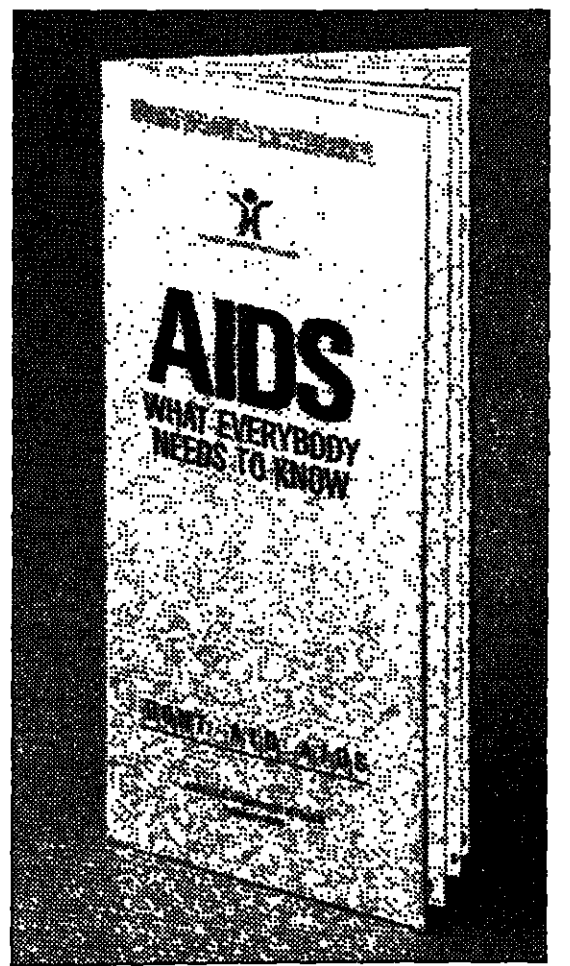
Using a sheath can help reduce the risk of catching AIDS. So can cutting out casual relationships.

For people who inject drugs and cannot give it up, it is very important never to share needles or other equipment. Just one injection with an infected needle could mean catching the virus. Of course the best advice is not to inject at all.

Remember AIDS is not a disease to take risks with. There is no cure, so its control must depend on how people behave.

MORE INFORMATION

For a free booklet on AIDS, write to Dept A, P.O. Box 100, Milton Keynes MK1 1TX. You can also get information



on the confidential Healthline telephone service on:

THE HEALTHLINE TELEPHONE SERVICE: 01-981 2717, 81-980 7222 or 0345 581151.

If you are calling from outside London, use the 0345 number and you will be charged at local rates.

DONT AID AIDS

South Africa: Trade union delegates held at roadblock

Willis gets taste of being black

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

For 30 minutes yesterday Mr Norman Willis, General Secretary of the TUC, felt what it was like, he said, to be a black in South Africa when he and 10 other members of an International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) delegation were detained at a roadblock in Alexandra township outside Johannesburg.

It happened after the group visited a men's hostel which Mr Willis described as "kennels, not homes". When they emerged, Mr Willis said, the street had been blocked and they were questioned about what they were doing. "They seemed to think that Ron Todd (General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union) and I might be pressmen," he said. "But just for that brief period I had a taste of what it's like to be black and without redress against white, uniformed, armed people."

Mr Willis and Mr Todd left South Africa for London last night, but other members of the delegation, which arrived in Johannesburg on Friday to show solidarity with black South African trade unions, will meet the Government's Director of Manpower today. They have also requested a meeting with Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, and access to trade unionists detained in the Johannesburg area under the state of emergency.

In a statement yesterday the delegation said that, despite the brevity of its visit, it felt it had received a comprehensive and authoritative account of the grim realities facing the South African trade union movement "within a society presently on a course for cataclysmic disaster". A total of 269 trade unionists were known to have been detained, the statement said. "There is a pattern of unjustified arrests, often followed by systematic brutality and torture, that amounts to a massive violation of human rights."

"The delegation has seen the physical evidence in the scarred bodies of released detainees to substantiate the harrowing accounts they have



Bishop Desmond Tutu talking with the ICFTU delegation's leader, Mr John Vanderreken, in Johannesburg yesterday.

received," the statement added.

Mr Willis and Mr Todd will report to the TUC General Council on Wednesday. Mr Willis said: "Nature has given South Africa a paradise, but part of it has been changed into hell."

The statement by the delegation, which also includes American, West German and Scandinavian trade unionists, said it would increase pressure for strong action to bring about irreversible change. Most of the contents of the statement are in breach of the emergency regulations and cannot be reported from South Africa.

It said: "The possible implications of effective sanctions for the well-being of ordinary people — so often cited as a justification for inaction or delay — cannot be ignored." But the visit had confirmed "a willingness by the victims of apartheid to endure further suffering". Mr Willis declared: "Those who will suffer have a right to decide what suffering to undertake."

Six die: The Bureau of Information yesterday reported six "unrest" deaths since Friday, all shot by the security forces.

Reagan stalls on black envoy

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan will deliver a major policy speech on South Africa tomorrow in which he will stand by his staunch refusal to impose tough economic and diplomatic sanctions on the Pretoria Government.

The statement will avoid mention of his plan to nominate Mr Robert Brown as the first black American ambassador to South Africa, because of embarrassing revelations concerning Mr Brown's past business dealings. The likelihood of Mr Brown being offered the post is receding rapidly.

Mr Brown no longer appears sure that he wants the job. Having said last week that he would take it, if it were offered, he now says he is thinking it over with his family. A senior Administration official said the idea was "on hold".

Trade union leaders have protested that Mr Brown has a history of anti-unionism, but the most embarrassing revelation is that he is a close associate of Mr Umaru Dikko,

a high-ranking official in Nigeria who fled after a coup on New Year's Eve in 1983. Nigeria has accused Mr Dikko of taking many millions of dollars.

Mr Brown denied any wrongdoing in his relationship with Mr Dikko, which involved public relations and advice to the Nigerian Government on drawing up a constitution.

Security and other clearance investigations are still being conducted into Mr Brown by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under normal pre-nomination procedure. However, there is a growing feeling that Mr Brown might not easily survive public pre-nomination hearings in the Senate and that the Administration might soon drop him.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, the most prominent American black leader, has telephoned Mr Brown twice to urge him not to take the job unless there is a profound shift in US policy towards Pretoria. "He has to make a choice whether

to be on Dr Martin Luther King's side of history," Mr Jackson said. "And he has to choose between Tambo and Rambo." Mr Oliver Tambo heads the outlawed African National Congress.

The Administration is anxious to keep its South African policy closely in line with Britain's approach and Administration sources confirmed that the purpose of the sudden decision to summon Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to the White House on Friday was to co-ordinate immediate tactics and bring Mrs Thatcher up to date on the main points of Mr Reagan's proposed speech.

Mr Robert Brown met Mr Umaru Dikko, the former Nigerian minister, in Nigeria in 1979 at the time of the presidential elections (Richard Dowden writes). The men became close friends and Mr Brown continually visited Nigeria between then and 1983 advising and helping Dikko, who was the President's campaign manager for the 1983 elections.

EEC ministers to query Howe role

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, faces sharp criticism today from EEC governments disappointed with the first leg of his mission to southern Africa.

At the meeting of Community Foreign Ministers in Brussels today, he will report on his discussions with black African leaders. Denmark and The Netherlands will voice their irritation at his interpretation of the role entrusted to him by EEC leaders at The Hague summit last month.

The summit asked him to "visit southern Africa in a further effort to establish conditions in which the necessary dialogue can commence". In talks in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Zambia, Sir Geoffrey argued that economic sanctions would not bring an end to apartheid or create the conditions for national dia-

logue in South Africa. However, several EEC governments believe he should have conveyed their determination to ban new investment in South Africa and halt imports of coal, iron, steel and gold coins unless Pretoria was prepared to meet EEC demands. The summit called for the release of Mr Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and an end to the ban on the African National Congress and other political parties.

But West Germany will fall in behind Sir Geoffrey. German sources say there can be no discussion of further sanctions until he returns from his mission to South Africa. At The Hague, Chancellor Kohl had angrily rejected the claim of Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, that sanctions would be auto-

matic if the mission failed. Observers say there will be no shift in Bonn's position unless Britain moves first. The Foreign Ministers will also try to overcome Irish opposition to proposed import quotas for New Zealand butter of 77,000 tonnes next year and 75,000 tonnes in 1988.

The Community's strained trading relations with Japan and the United States will also be examined. The European Commission will ask for political guidance on its approach to relations with the Gulf Co-operation Council. The Community is looking for a co-operation and trade agreement with the council, but the six Gulf nations have reacted angrily to EEC restrictions on imports of their petrochemical and refined oil products.

Botha meetings key to peace mission

By Rodney Cowton

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, flies to southern Africa tomorrow where he will spend a week trying to pave the way for negotiations to change the political system in South Africa.

The Foreign Office said Sir Geoffrey had only two firm appointments arranged as of yesterday, both with President Botha, whom he will see on Wednesday and again on Tuesday next week.

His central objective is to get Pretoria to lift its ban on the African National Congress and release its leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

Sir Geoffrey will be hoping particularly that, if President Botha shows flexibility on these questions at Wednes-

day's meeting, President Kaunda of Zambia will use his influence to persuade ANC leaders to meet Sir Geoffrey.

In the United States last Friday, he had an unscheduled meeting with President Reagan, mainly on the South African question, though Sir Geoffrey also reported on the visit last week to London of Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Whitehall sources confirmed that President Reagan had reiterated his view that mandatory economic sanctions were not the best way to bring about change in the apartheid system, though he now understood that if no progress was made on Sir Geoffrey's mission Britain might have to consider further measures against Pretoria.

100 believed held in new wave of Zimbabwe arrests

From Jan Raath, Harare

More than 100 people may be held under Zimbabwe's state of emergency laws after a wave of arrests by the Central Intelligence Organization in the town of Beitbridge on the South African border.

The arrests are the latest in a number of raids on the citizens of the small town. Large numbers of South African troops are just over the Limpopo river which forms the border.

Mr Raymond Roth, a storekeeper in Beitbridge, and Mr Peter Carinus, a garage owner there, who were seized in the raids which began about three weeks ago have been told they are believed to have paid Zimbabweans to provide the South African military authorities with security information.

They have also been linked with an alleged operation to recruit Zimbabwean blacks for training in South Africa to join guerrilla bands in the western provinces of Matabeland.

Another white, Mr Peter Van Wyk, who works for a construction company there, has been told he was suspected of being "engaged in terrorist activities against the ANC (African National Congress of

South Africa) and the PAC (Pan Africanist Congress of Azania)." Their lawyers said a fourth white, identified only as a Mr Ferreira, was also in detention. All were being held under orders of indefinite duration.

The lawyers said their clients had reported that many blacks from Beitbridge were also being held. Only a few had the means for legal representation and it was thus impossible to verify their numbers.

Among them are said to be senior officials of the local branch of the ruling Zanu (PF) party. Previous raids have borne the marks of purges against supporters of Zanu, the opposition party of Mr Joshua Nkomo.

As far as could be ascertained, all the detainees were being held in police stations and a prison in and around the western city of Bulawayo. About 25 blacks were said to be held at Esigodini police station, 15 miles south of Bulawayo.

Reports that some of the detainees had been tortured and assaulted by CIO officers could not be confirmed. Their lawyers could not comment.

Colombo devolution attacked

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

President Jayewardene's proposal on devolution, as an answer to Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis, was virtually handing a separate state to the minority Tamils on a platter, the opposition leader, Mr Anura Bandaranaike, said.

Mr Bandaranaike, son of Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, the former Prime Minister, leads the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party, which is boycotting the political parties' conference convened by President Jayewardene to obtain a consensus on devolution.

Mr Bandaranaike told the Sunday Island newspaper that, on the President's own admission, Tamil militants fully control the Northern Province and about 50 per cent of the Eastern Province. Devolving power at this stage would be "the stepping-stone to Eelam", the separate state sought by the Tamils.

He said the proposed provincial councils were based more or less on the Indian system which has proved a complete failure.

The SLEP was for a political solution but not at any cost. The Government had been seeking a military solution and had failed. "They never sincerely coupled both the approaches of seeking a political solution while proving to the terrorists they cannot win militarily... Now they want to devolve power at all cost to perpetuate their rule."

Leaders of the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front, who had discussions with the President nearly every day last week, will meet opposition leaders this week.

Sudanese rebels shut airport

Khartoum (Reuters) — Sudan has closed Juba airport after an attack by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army on a mountain near the regional capital, the official Sudan News Agency, Sana, reported yesterday.

It quoted the Prime Minister, Mr Sadeq al-Mahdi, as saying the rebels on Wednesday closed the Nile to western Equatoria, where they are now fighting government troops at Jebel Lado, three miles north of the airport.

Mr al-Mahdi said the rebels wanted to besiege Juba but the Army could handle the situation. He said many people had fled from the battle zones to big towns and this had created a food shortage.

The closure of Juba airport is likely to affect the airlift of vital food supplies to famine victims in the embattled south. Sana quoted a United Nations official as saying 50,000 displaced people in Juba town were in need of emergency food.

Mr Winston Prattley, the UN Secretary-General's special representative in Sudan, said that, because of the heavy fighting in Equatoria province, relief agencies had been able to transport only about 1,500 tonnes of 4,000 tonnes of available food. The SPLA rebels, led by Colonel John Garang, have been waging a bush war for two years.

ABIDJAN: Adequate rain this year has resulted in good crop development in many parts of West Africa's Sahel region, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (Reuters reports).

Pakistani officer in drug trial

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

A Pakistani Army officer accused of being involved in heroin smuggling will go on trial before a court-martial in Karachi, according to an Islamabad English-language daily yesterday.

The report said the man was once a personal staff officer to a former military governor of the North West Frontier Province, which has emerged as the main supplier of drugs for smuggling.

The report, by the Karachi correspondent of the newspaper *The Muslim*, alleged that the Pakistan Narcotics Control Board, whose staff originally arrested the officer, was denied an opportunity to interrogate him.

The officer was said to be one of a gang engaged in regular drug smuggling. The report said that more than 400 lb of heroin was discovered in the man's car while he was driving from Peshawar to Karachi.

The governor on whose staff the officer allegedly worked was not named in the report. Nawabzada Abdul Ghafoor Hoti, who took over as the first civilian governor at the beginning of this year, left office within four months, after his son was arrested in the United States on a charge of being involved in drug trafficking.

Pipeline blown

Lisbon (Reuters) — The right wing Mozambican National Resistance rebels claimed yesterday that they had blown up and destroyed a section of the pipeline which carries oil from the port of Beira to Zimbabwe.



Martina Navratilova, the tennis star, sitting with her mother, Mrs Jana Navratil, at their home in Revnice after returning to Czechoslovakia for the first time since she defected to the United States in 1975 (Reuters reports from Prague). She was welcomed at Prague

airport by her parents and Western journalists covering the Federation Cup tennis tournament which begins today. Miss Navratilova, who became a US citizen in 1981 and is leading the US team this year, said it felt "great" to be back in her homeland.

Submarine fails to get Titanic safe open

From Paul Valley, New York

Remnants of a chandelier, an anchor windlass and rope-like trails of rust draped over its portholes are among 12 murky photographs of the exploration of the SS Titanic, almost 2 1/2 miles below the surface of the Atlantic. Another shows the ship's gigantic bow deeply buried where it plunged into the ocean floor.

A three-minute videotape flow to shore shows the robot camera, Jason Jr, peering in windows on the promenade deck. In one image, showing the empty lifeboat davits, bright orange stalactites of rust can be seen.

On the sixth dive on Friday explorers found several of the ship's safes. Using a remote-controlled claw from the submarine *Alvin*, they tried to open a safe which had a spectacular crust on its door. "We grabbed the handle with the manipulator and turned it, but

it wouldn't open so we left it there," he said. The safes were found as the *Alvin* left the intact bow and midship sections and explored the disintegrated stern, which was littered with thousands of objects.

Yesterday the seventh of the 12 scheduled dives was under way. Ownership of the wreck and its contents theoretically passed to the insurance companies which paid out claims after the sinking. But to exercise their claims the companies should have made some effort to salvage or exert control over the lost material.

A percentage of salvage rights is due to whoever carries out the work. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, which organized the expedition, has not made a salvage claim, but many others who have searched for the Titanic have.

Rightists hold Mass for Franco

From Harry Debelius Valley of the Fallen

Shouts of "Franco, Franco, Franco" echoed across the vast esplanade here yesterday in front of the basilica carved out of solid rock, as about 2,000 right-wingers gathered at General Franco's tomb for a Mass after last Friday's 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish Civil War.

Elderly couples and young men and women in paramilitary uniforms, many of them carrying red-and-yellow Spanish flags with the now illegal eagle symbol of the Franco regime superimposed, mingled with unsuspecting foreign tourists during the Mass. After the Mass, the Franco supporters gathered in front of the Wagnerian monument to Spain's Civil War dead to sing the Falange song "Face to the Sun" and to shout a posthumous cheer for their idolized Generalissimo.

Four killed in France-Spain border blaze

Madrid — A forest fire blazed on both sides of the French-Spanish border near Girona, claiming the lives of four Frenchmen when their fire-fighting plane crashed, according to reports published here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The fire began at about 10 am on Saturday in a parking lot on the French side of the border crossing at La Junquera, and it took more than 300 firefighters about 12 hours to bring the blaze under control. A motorway, a railway line and another road were blocked for several hours.

Nationalists in marathon debate Feuding Basques call a truce

From Richard Wigg, Artea, Spain

One of the words people in the rest of Spain often use about the 2 1/2 million Basques is "peculiar", meaning that almost everything about them is very distinctive, difficult to understand, if not downright rum.

One of the most distinctive things of all about them is the political formation that a majority chose to rule in the autonomous region, the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which has been in existence since 1895, only a few years after the founding of the Socialist Party, which is in power in Madrid.

Unlike that disciplined machine, the PNV has been feuding with itself for the past few years, letting things come to a serious crisis and risking the loss of power in Vitoria, the seat of the autonomous government.

To resolve their crisis, about 70 PNV delegates, constituting the so-called national assembly, made the pilgrimage to this small village about 20 miles south of Bilbao, the grimy industrial capital of the Basque region.

Yesterday at 5 am, after more than 16 hours of non-stop debate, the leaders emerged wearily to announce a truce.

The national executive is "taking the reins firmly in its hands, the messing around has stopped," according to Señor Xavier Aguirre, spokesman of the executive.

All PNV members holding any public office were solemnly told by the assembly that the overriding obligation must be to ensure the "governability" of the Basque country. Having looked over the abyss, almost everyone agreed that jobs, power and influence

must take precedence over the squabbling. The 35,000 party members form a network which controls, besides the autonomous government, a majority of local authorities and many key institutions, such as the *cajas* (key financial institutions) which started in the last century as penny banks), co-operatives, trade unions, employers' organizations and even Bilbao's famous Athletic FC.

Exile may move

Domingo Iturbe Abasolo ("Txomin"), aged 42, regarded by Spanish police as the leader of the military wing of Eta, is expected to remain in Gabon for only two to three months, while the French authorities who deported him to the West African country look for somewhere else that will accept him, according to the Madrid daily *El Pais* (Reuters reports from Madrid). He said he had been given a permanent police escort and rarely left his flat.

The choice of Artea explains a great deal about the PNV's difficulties. The assembly met in a former seminary, set in soft countryside, cold with morning mist and a whole world away not only from Bilbao but also from heat-plagued Castile.

This rural world is where a majority of the PNV leaders feel most comfortable. The seminary was bought by them after the crisis in Vitoria forced the Church to close it. Yet the Basque country is among those most interested, for reasons of development and proximity, in Spain's membership of the EEC. There is a world of difference between many of the PNV

leaders and the more technocratic members of the Basque Government.

The brief experience of home rule during the Civil War, before it was taken away by Franco, helps to explain the peculiar force of Basque nationalism.

Both of the main figures in the dispute come from families which fought in last century's Carlist wars and both have church backgrounds. Señor Xavier Arzalluz, the strong-willed chairman of the party, is a former Jesuit priest, and Señor Carlos Garaicoechea, whom he ousted two years ago when Chief Minister of the Basque Government, started training for the priesthood but became a businessman.

It is too simple to see the chairman as leader of a rural old guard, and Señor Garaicoechea as the would-be modernizer.

But although the Guipúzcoa regional party, based on San Sebastián, which supports Señor Garaicoechea, apparently accepted the will of the majority yesterday, no one yet knows what the former Chief Minister, who boycotted Artea, will do now.

But any real debate is likely to reveal the absence of any body of party doctrine behind the nationalism.

Caught up in their row, the PNV leaders did not even notice the French Government's expulsion over the weekend of José López, nicknamed "Txema", a 26-year-old suspected member of Eta. He was immediately handed over to the Spanish police and is now undergoing interrogation in Madrid. He is alleged to have been preparing a terrorist attack.

Clashes threaten reforms in Seoul

Seoul (AP) — A long-awaited parliamentary study into constitutional revisions may be held up because of the violent police reaction to an opposition rally.

The New Korea Democratic Party, the main opposition party, ended an overnight protest sit-in yesterday at national party headquarters, and a spokesman said "injected" new political time bomb" in relations between the party and President Chun Doo Hwan's Government.

On Saturday an estimated 2,000 police fired tear gas to keep the dissident leader Mr Kim Young Sam and others from attending an opposition rally attended by 3,000 at a Roman Catholic church.

The rally, sponsored by opposition groups, was held to denounce what protesters called systematic sexual abuse and torture of arrested dissidents by police.

Ministers hurt

Athens (Reuters) — Mr Evangelos Kouloumbis, the Public Works Minister, Mr Yannis Papadopoulos, the Minister for Northern Greece, and Mr Costas Geitonas, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, were injured when their helicopter crash-landed in a small town near the Greek-Turkish border.

Slave ranch

Kerville, Texas (Reuters) — Walter Elebracht, a 55-year-old Texas rancher, was placed on probation and his son, Walter Jr., aged 33, and the ranch foreman, Carlton Caldwell, aged 21, were sent to jail for 15 and 14 years respectively for kidnapping hitch-hikers and using them as slave labour.

Molto forte

Tel Aviv (Reuters) — A crowd estimated by police at 300,000 — nearly 10 per cent of Israel's population — packed a Tel Aviv park to hear the Israeli violinist, Yitzhak Perlman, and the Spanish tenor, Placido Domingo, perform with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

General goes

East Berlin (Reuters) — General Pyotr Lushch, the supreme commander of Soviet armed forces in Germany, appointed less than a year ago as part of an apparent reshuffle in the Soviet High Command, is leaving his post.

Martial law

Ankara (Reuters) — Parliament has extended martial law for another four months in five provinces in south-eastern Turkey where government forces are fighting Kurdish rebels.

Wasted trip

Trinidad, Bolivia (Reuters) — A second operation of Bolivia's anti-drug drive, carried out with US military helicopters, found neither cocaine nor cocaine-processing equipment.

Mine tragedy

Johannesburg (Reuters) — Four black miners died when a tunnel collapsed at Elandsrand gold mine west of Johannesburg.

More people

Moscow (Reuters) — The population of the Soviet Union stood at 280.1 million on July 1, a rise of three million people over the same date last year, according to Tass.

Aid for Suva

Suva (Reuters) — The Solomon Islands will receive \$10.5 million, including \$2 million from Britain, in aid from industrialized nations to repair damage caused by cyclone Namu in May.

Pirate strike

Dhaka (Reuters) — Bangladesh river pirates stabbed seven policemen, threw them still alive from a ferry carrying 1,000 passengers, and made off with about £2,000.

Over the top

Fuji Yoshida, Japan (Reuters) — Mr Teiichi Igarashi, aged 99, reached the summit of Mount Fuji, retaining his own record of being the oldest person to climb Japan's highest mountain.

City clean-up

Philadelphia (Reuters) — Most of this city's 2,400 striking sanitation workers began a big clean-up after the mayor threatened to sack them if they continued an 18-day walkout.

Just too much

Beaumont, Texas (AP) — A 20 lb lobster, thought to be 140 years old, died on a silver platter during a car ride to a charity auction, before it could be moved to its new home in a marine wildlife park.

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Beirut peace in peril as hooded gunmen ambush Christian bus

From Juan Carlos Guncuio, Beirut

Syrian efforts to restore order in west Beirut yesterday were facing a big challenge after a bus carrying about 40 Christian doctors, students and employees of the American University was ambushed.

No group has claimed responsibility. At least one newspaper columnist said the attack brought memories of the Ein el-Rummaneh massacre of April 13 1975, when Christian gunmen ambushed a bus and killed 27 of its Palestinian occupants in an attack widely regarded as having ignited the civil war.

Saturday's attack had indeed all the markings of an operation to provoke further sectarian violence at a time when Syria, despite the political deadlock between Christians and Muslims, is calling for a peaceful settlement of the Lebanese crisis.

Security tight for a 'royal' wedding

From Paul Valley New York

With much reference to Wednesday's royal wedding, the people or at any rate the TV people and journalists — of America made a great deal to do over the nuptials of Caroline Kennedy in Centerville, Massachusetts, this weekend.

But if the Kennedys remain the nearest thing America has to a royal family, the couple took a different attitude. Privacy and security were the top priorities at the wedding.

It was the kind of security which only the family of a former head of state could command. In addition to police and Secret Servicemen around the church and Hyannisport home of the clan's patriarch, Mrs Rose Kennedy, the Federal Aviation Administration sealed off air space above to shield the 400 guests from airborne photographers.



Caroline Kennedy appealing for quiet at the Centerville, Massachusetts, church where she married Edwin Schlossberg (below), while her mother cries on Edwin Kennedy's shoulder.

er-in-law, Senator Edward Kennedy.

About 2,000 spectators had gathered to cheer the bride they remembered as the little girl who endeared herself to the media by wandering into a waiting presidential press conference and announcing that her father was upstairs with his shoes and socks off doing nothing.

The wedding of the girl who describes herself as a student at Columbia Law School was subjected to intense press scrutiny, with debates over the wisdom of a marriage with such an age and religion gap — she is 26 and he 41, she a Roman Catholic and he a Jew.



But family friends report a solid courtship of some five years and believe the marriage will be a great success. The warmth of the crowds of well-wishers outside the church called forth a similar blessing.

Study finds US whites 11 times better off

New York — The average white household in the United States owns more than 11 times the assets of the average black household, according to the most comprehensive study of American wealth ever conducted (Paul Valley writes).

The US Census Bureau, which surveyed 20,900 households, said the average white family was worth \$39,135 (£26,000). The figure for Hispanic homes was only \$4,913 and for blacks \$3,397. The bureau's economists were surprised at the size of the disparity, which one welfare economist said was "something to be worried about".

More than 30 per cent of black households had either a zero or negative rating on a scale which covered home and car ownership and savings. Only 8 per cent of whites came into the same category.

The economists offered several tentative explanations: blacks have a long history of low incomes, segregation and lower-quality schooling, and have a high proportion of single-parent families. The smallest black-white disparity was found among black two-parent families.

Husain visits Baghdad

Amman (Reuters) — King Husain, trying to reconcile the bitter rivals Iraq and Syria, returned to Amman yesterday after a brief visit to Baghdad, a Jordanian official said.

Iraqi media said the King, who flew to Baghdad on Saturday on a previously unannounced visit, discussed "bilateral relations, Arab issues and the Gulf war" with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. No details were released.

Aids anxiety hits US blood banks

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Public anxiety about blood transfusions is growing in the United States because of the Aids epidemic, despite official reassurances that the national blood supply has never been safer.

Some doctors no longer recommend blood transfusions if they can be safely avoided, because of the extremely remote risk that a patient might receive contaminated blood.

The blood bank serving New York and surrounding areas is trying to identify about 700 people who received transfusions since 1977 that may have been contaminated with the Aids virus. Infection with the virus does not necessarily lead to Aids.

Dr Johanna Fındyck, director of the Greater New York Blood Programme, said the risk that any single patient might have received contaminated blood was one in 10,000.

But early last year new procedures for testing donors' blood lessened the risk of receiving a contaminated transfusion to one in 250,000.

misconceptions have in isolated instances resulted in detectable drops in the number of people giving blood. Blood bank officials point out that the needle is discarded.

The new Aids blood tests detect antibodies, the natural substances that the body forms to fight off microbes such as the Aids virus. According to official estimates, no more than 120 units of contaminated blood out of 12,000,000 collected annually may go undetected. Research is continuing into even more effective tests.

The number of Aids cases resulting from blood transfusions given before the strict new tests began last year will rise for the rest of the decade because there is an average time lag of five years from the day of infection to development of Aids.

Public misconceptions about increasing dangers from blood transfusions therefore seem certain to increase as the worsening figures are announced over the coming three to four years.

Some patients who should have a transfusion have been known to turn them down for fear of contracting Aids, but in general doctors report that concerned patients will accept physicians' reassurances.

Aids was first suspected of being spread through blood in 1982. President Reagan suggested last month that Americans should store their own blood for possible transfusion.

Australian about-face on Platters

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The Australian Government, thoroughly embarrassed by the fiasco involving a group of black musicians called the Platters, relented at the weekend and granted visas enabling the American vocal group to carry out a short Australian tour.

They stepped out in front of their first audience last night after Mr Christopher Hurford, the Minister for Immigration, reversed his earlier decision barring them because they did not have sufficient talent "to lead to the cultural enrichment of the community".

The episode has left the Government looking shamed, not simply over its misjudgment, but over what the affair has revealed about the lobbying influence of the entertainment union, Actors' Equity. Mr Hurford's decision was based on an objection by the union to the Platters' tour on the ground that their talent was "certainly no better than local talent".

Off-licence strike dries up Norway

From Tony Samstag Oslo

This summer has been gloriously hot and dry throughout most of Norway, but fears of a protracted drought have less to do with the increasing danger of forest fires than with the strike in Vinmonopolet, the government-controlled monopoly chain of off-licences, which today enters its third week.

Mr Kaare Hansen, leader of the shop and office workers' union, issued a warning that the action, in pursuit of an 11.2 per cent pay rise, could continue for at least another fortnight, after the rejection of a compromise offer at the weekend.

A similar strike in the winter of 1982 lasted more than a month, casting a long shadow over Christmas festivities.

In Oslo the Grand and Continental Hotels have announced their intention of closing at least some of their bars this week. Catering staff have already been laid off as stocks of wine and spirits dwindle, although beer — which is sold in food shops — is not affected.

International travellers would be well advised to bring rather more than their duty-free allowance (a guarantee of instant popularity, but also to declare it on entering the country, even if duty doubles the price of a bottle of spirits. Confiscations of undeclared bottles are up 50 per cent, customs officials say, and 30 people yesterday were helping police with their inquiries in the town of Molde, where a plot had been uncovered to smuggle about £10,000 worth of wine and spirits from West Germany.

Wedding cake 'church' makes history

Senhor José Da Palma Revez, a Portuguese pastry cook, whipped up the biggest wedding cake in history for his daughter Maria da Conceição's wedding to Senhor João Ramos (Martha de la Cal writes). It was a 14-metre-high replica of the nearby church.

The cake contained 12,000 eggs, 500 kilos of margarine, 1,000 kilos of sugar, 900 kilos of chocolate, 100 kilos of fruit, plus hundreds of kilos of nuts and other delicacies.



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Ortega calls on Reagan to avert risk of 'total war' in Central America

From John Carlin Managua

President Ortega of Nicaragua, warning that Central America risked "total war", called on President Reagan to make "an act of contrition" and abide by a World Court ruling which sought the suspension of US aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Señor Ortega said he gave Washington until July 27, exactly 30 days after the World Court judgement, to go back on last month's congressional decision to award \$100 million (\$67.5 million) in aid to the "mercenary forces", the Sandinista term for the estimated 12,000 Contra guerrillas trying to overthrow Nicaragua's left-wing Government.

If the US did not relent by that date, Señor Ortega said, Nicaragua would call a special session of the United Nations Security Council to draw attention to what he described as the "outlaw" aggression of the United States Government and its "strategies of death".

Speaking at a ceremony on Saturday, marking the seventh anniversary of the Sandinista revolution, President Ortega drew loud cheers from a crowd of 50,000 in the northern Nicaraguan town of Esteli, in

European appeal

Among more than 40 European authors, artists and politicians who signed a newspaper advertisement appealing to the US to vote the World Court judgement was the British Opposition leader, Mr Neil Kinnock (Reuter reports from Zurich).

the heart of the war zone, when he said history would look back on President Reagan in the same light as Nero and Hitler.

At the open-air anniversary ceremony were the Vice-President of Czechoslovakia, Mr Miroslav Toman, and the Soviet Communications Minister, Mr Vasily Shamshin, as well as delegates from more than 40 other nations, including Britain but excluding the United States.

In a brief departure from what was for the most part a diatribe against the United States and its "delinquent" President, Señor Ortega berated the neighbouring governments in Central America for carrying out repressive measures against their people, sustaining traditions of economic injustice and acting as the instruments of US "terrorist policy".

Defending controversial decisions earlier this month to close down the only opposition newspaper, *La Prensa*, and to drive two senior Roman Catholic clerics — well-known enemies of the Sandinistas — into exile, President Ortega said the object had not been to "radicalize" the Nicaraguan revolution but to defend its "political pluralism and mixed economy".

The Nicaraguan President described the owners of *La Prensa* and the two churchmen as supporters of American "aggression" and thus "traitors", saying that in the United States such criminals received life sentences.

A day earlier, the Interior Minister, Señor Tomás Borge, had dismissed accusations of human rights abuses in Nicaragua.

"We don't do what some repressive Latin American police forces do, extracting information with savage torture," Señor Borge said, noting ironically that no human rights group had complained when he spent nine months hooded and handcuffed in one of the jails of the former dictator, Anastasio Somoza.

The Interior Minister said there were currently 1,802 Contra prisoners in Nicaragua and 1,025 were awaiting trial.



President Ortega of Nicaragua denouncing US Central American policies during yesterday's celebrations in Esteli.

Swoop in Punjab nets Sikh terrorists

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

Police in Punjab used helicopters, boats and bulldozers to flush out Sikh terrorists from Amritsar, Ferozpur and other towns in the Mand region along the Kapurthala River during "Operation Mand", which began last Friday. The Director-General of Police, Mr J. F. Rebeiro, said 105 people have been arrested.

The Mand area, a hideout of terrorists, is where the "Khalistan capital" is located. Terrorists announced the establishment of Khalistan, an independent Sikh state, a few weeks ago.

Police claimed that 2,800 people have been arrested since the Punjab Government cracked down on the terrorists and the so-called Khalistan capital, where terrorists had established workshops for the repair of arms, was smashed during the operation.

Before the operation was mounted the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, said the central Government would not sit idle if the Punjab government failed to tackle terrorism.

A police spokesman said 45 of the 80 Sikh youths who crossed to India from Pakistan in the past fortnight have surrendered.

UK envoys to see detained journalist

From A Correspondent Peking

British consular officials and the wife of Mr John Burns, the *New York Times* correspondent who has been detained in Peking for interrogation since Thursday, will be allowed to visit him this morning, a British Embassy official said yesterday.

Mr Burns, who has been Peking bureau chief of the newspaper since November 1984, holds dual British-Canadian citizenship.

On Saturday Mr A. M. Rosenthal, executive editor of the *New York Times*, and Mr Warren Hoge, its foreign editor, arrived in Peking from New York. They were met at

the airport by British Embassy officials and by the US Ambassador, Mr Winston Lord, who had cut short a visit to Sichuan province.

"I came here to help John," Mr Rosenthal said. He described his correspondent's detention on charges of espionage as nonsense. He and Mr Hoge indicated that they

would work through the British Embassy to secure an interview with Mr Burns.

Under the provisions of a 1984 Sino-British consular agreement, Chinese authorities must permit British consular access to a detained British national 48 hours after the Chinese have given official notification of his detention.

Chile holds 25 over fire deaths

From Lake Sagaris Santiago

The commander of the Chilean Army's Santiago garrison, Brigadier-General Carlos Ojeda, has acknowledged that 25 soldiers have been arrested for taking part in the burning alive of two young people, including a former resident of the United States.

Witnesses say a military patrol cornered Rodrigo Rojas, aged 19, and Carmen Quintana, aged 18, on the first day of a general strike earlier this month. They were beaten, soaked with petrol and set on fire. They were then covered with blankets, thrown into a lorry and damped on a lonely country road.

At first the Army denied reports that an army patrol had been involved. But on Friday night General Ojeda announced that three officers, five non-commissioned officers and 17 conscripts were being held and would be questioned by the investigating judge.

General Ojeda said that the two young people were participating in disorders and one of them caused the fire. He said soldiers used blankets to extinguish the flames. He did not explain why the patrol did not take them to hospital.

Señor Rojas died in hospital four days after the incident. He had lived in the United States for the past 10 years. His mother, who lives in exile in the US, was allowed to return briefly to be with her dying son.

The burnings caused horror around the world and became a serious political problem for the Chilean military regime, particularly in its relations with the United States.

More than 2,000 people, including the US Ambassador to Chile, attended the funeral. A Chilean government newspaper accused him of fuelling demonstrations, and a few days later a member of the ruling junta, Admiral José Toribio Merino, said the State Department would receive better information if it changed its ambassador.

The efforts to save Carmen Quintana's life have become a national campaign with donors contributing drugs and fervent prayers for her recovery. After the arrests of the soldiers on Friday, the investigating judge will probably have to declare himself incompetent and hand the case over to military courts, as required by Chilean law.

Colombian Army hits at 'bias'

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota

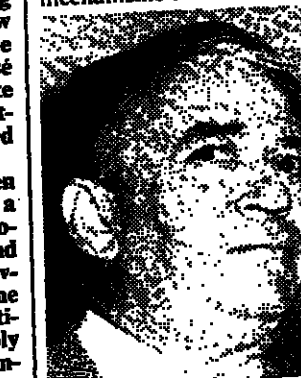
The Colombian Government — though not the armed forces — has reacted defensively to an Amnesty International report which charges that 600 people have been killed by military and police security forces during the first six months of this year.

While disagreeing with many of Amnesty's conclusions, there has been no attempt by the administration of President Betancur to smear the London-based human-rights organization, as was the custom of the preceding government, which was subject to much more damning reports.

The armed forces reacted aggressively, accusing Amnesty of bias, of ignoring at least 600 more deaths attributable to guerrilla groups, and claiming that some of the individual cases of alleged maltreatment by the security forces of political prisoners were in fact common criminals defined as "lying, miserable and vulgar kidnappers".

There has always been, to be sure, a very thin dividing line in Colombia between politically motivated subversive groups and common criminals, a point which Amnesty International seems obliquely to accept. Certainly kidnapping for ransom has become a big growth crime here in recent years.

President Betancur has not commented on Amnesty's report, but his Foreign Minister, Señor Augusto Ramírez Ocampo, stressed that, while "here and in all parts of the world there are abuses (of human rights)", the "systematic violation" of such rights was not, and never had been, government policy, and that in a democracy there existed mechanisms to defend them.



President Betancur: made no comment on Amnesty claims

Aquino to talk peace with Muslim rebels

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino has agreed to begin peace talks with Muslim guerrillas, who have been fighting a secessionist war for the past 14 years, and has appointed her brother-in-law, Mr Agapito Aquino, as the Government's chief negotiator.

The long-delayed move to end the Muslim uprising, which has cost an estimated 16,000 lives, came amid fears that talks to end the more serious communist insurgency could be jeopardized because the chief government negotiator, Mr José Diokno, has fallen seriously ill. Mr Diokno will fly today to the United States for cancer treatment.

The venue and date for Mr Aquino's initial talks with Nur Misuari, the self-exiled chairman of the Muslim rebel organization, the Moro National Liberation Front, still have to be decided.

Since June heavily armed Muslim bands have kidnapped 12 churchpeople — 10 nuns, a French priest and an American missionary — in what military officers believe is a concerted effort to embarrass the Government.

All 12 hostages have been released unharmed. The US missionary, Mr Brian Lawrence, who was the last church member to be abducted, was freed on Friday.

But on the next day suspected Muslim gunmen seized two more hostages, a Swiss tourist, Mr Hans Kunzli, and his Filipina girl friend, who were returning by boat to the southern port of Zamboanga from a nearby island.

The military ordered a search yesterday of mountainous Basilan island, where a spokesman said the couple may have been taken.

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What does the future hold up its sleeve for Prince Andrew? John Grigg recalls the second sons who had the monarchy thrust upon them

As the second son of a sovereign, Prince Andrew has interesting precursors in modern (as distinct from medieval) history. No fewer than five became sovereigns themselves within the last 450 years or so.

Henry VIII was one. He was not the eldest son of Henry VII - that was Arthur, named after the legendary Celtic hero as a tribute to the Welsh origins of the House of Tudor. Arthur was not only heir to the throne until his death at the age of 15, he was also briefly married to Katherine of Aragon. When he died, Henry, his brother, acquired his widow as well as his rights of succession. Henry was only 12 at the time. Katherine 17.

The next second son to ascend to the throne was Charles I, whose elder brother was called Henry as a gesture to the Tudors by the new House of Stuart. Henry, Prince of Wales, son of James I, was tall, strong and self-confident whereas Charles was small and delicate and with a speech defect. When Henry died, aged 11, there was, we are told, a profound sensation throughout the kingdom.

No doubt one of the problems Charles faced was his early sense of inadequacy when compared with his elder brother, the universal favourite - a problem that was to manifest itself again in the case of another second son, George VI. James, second son of Charles I, was another who came to the throne, though not for long. Since Charles II had no legitimate offspring James succeeded him in 1685. But his bigotry and tactlessness led to his deposition three years later in what is known to history as the Glorious Revolution.

Last Monday, this episode was debated in the House of Lords on the initiative of Lord Grimond, who said (tongue in cheek, one hopes) that in a multiracial society the Glorious Revolution was not the sort of historical occasion we ought to be celebrating. Lord Glenamara (Ted Short, a former



In line for the monarchy: second sons who unexpectedly found themselves invested with power at the head of the kingdom. From left, Henry VIII, Charles I, and James II.



Facing the challenge of modern times: from left, George V, George VI, the only British king to have assumed the position after an abdication, and Prince Andrew

Labour cabinet minister) argued preposterously that it was "nothing more than the ousting of the rightful, lawful king by religious prejudice". To be answered with just indignation by Lord Annan, who said that it "established the basic liberties of Britain".

The next second son to inherit was George V. Strictly speaking, he was not the second son of a sovereign because by the time his father, Edward VII, had become king, his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, was dead. But until he was 26 George had no reason to suppose he would ever become King.

There is a curious parallel between his case and that of Henry VIII, though as characters the two

men could hardly have been more different. A marriage had been arranged (by Queen Victoria) between the Duke of Clarence and Princess May of Teck. This was forestalled by his sudden death but the princess did not forfeit her eventual role as Queen Mary because she soon transferred her hand to the surviving brother.

The most recent second son to become king was, of course, George VI, who assumed the position in unique circumstances, through the abdication of his elder brother. It seems most unlikely that Prince Andrew will follow the example of his maternal grandfather and others mentioned here because the present Prince of Wales seems to enjoy "a good

life", has shown no sign of wishing to waive his rights of succession and in any case has two, apparently healthy, sons.

Apart from the special kudos of being numbered in the long line of English and British sovereigns, there is not all that much difference between being the monarch and being any other prominent and active member of the Royal Family. Prince Andrew need not feel unduly deprived. He is scarcely, if at all, less well known than the Prince of Wales and there will be more than enough for him and his wife to do as the number two couple in their generation.

Will he be made a royal duke on the occasion of his wedding, or soon afterwards? George VI was

made Duke of York before he was married or even engaged but perhaps the Queen or Prince Andrew may share Queen Victoria's view that "a prince no-one else can be, whereas a duke any nobleman can be, and many are".

The title traditionally, though not invariably, conferred upon the second son of a sovereign is that of Duke of York. Charles I had it before his brother died and James II was Duke of York for most of his life (hence the renaming of New Amsterdam as New York in 1664, when the British captured it from the Dutch).

The first Hanoverian Duke of York was Ernest Augustus, brother of George I, of whom the

Dictionary of National Biography says dismissively that "the fact of his existence was scarcely known to the majority of the British nation".

The next, however - Frederick Augustus, second son of George III - is among the more familiar names in British history if only because of the popular song referring to his military exploits.

He shares with Nelson, though with rather less reason, the distinction of standing at the top of a column in central London.

For a time he was heir to George IV but narrowly predeceased him, leaving the succession to a younger brother, William IV.

Queen Victoria did not approve of the Hanoverian Dukes of York and was therefore prejudiced against the title. She did not confer it on her own second son, Alfred, but instead made him Duke of Edinburgh. She was, however, persuaded late in her reign to make her grandson, the future George V, Duke of York. He held the title not as second son of the sovereign but as second son of the Prince of Wales.

Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, distressed his mother by having an amorous escapade in Malta while serving as a young naval officer. (Such things have been known to happen more recently.) In due course he married a daughter of Tsar Alexander III, the union causing an international royal row, since the Tsar tried to insist that his daughter should have precedence over all the British princesses, including the Princess of Wales.

Queen Victoria would have none of this. The Grand Duchess was told that she would rank not only after the Princess of Wales but also after the Queen's eldest daughter Vicky, Crown Princess of Prussia. Though full of resentment, the new daughter-in-law had to accept the Queen's ruling.

Fortunately no such complications are likely to result from Wednesday's wedding. Times have changed - and anyway the Fergusons are a less snooty lot than the Romanovs.

TOMORROW
The royal couple's social circle and the team behind the wedding look

Welsh and very wicked

Murray the Hump was Public Enemy No 1, but escaped the spotlight - until now

Not having much to boast about except rugby, choirs and Neil Kinnoch, Welshmen are perpetually searching for other Welshmen who, in some obscure activity, remote spot, have achieved some slight degree of prominence.

Welsh television programme-makers are particularly prone to this wanderlust, sparing no effort to bring to their viewers news and pictures of some newly-discovered Welshman who has made good. Or, in this case, bad.

Murray the Hump, or Murray the Camel, born Llewellyn Maurice Humphreys, was the only Welshman to make it to the top of his chosen calling when he achieved the status of America's Public Enemy Number One in 1933. He was the brains behind Al Capone and took over the syndicate when Capone was imprisoned on tax charges.

He originated the practice of "laundering" ill-acquired gains into legitimate business enterprises, and went on to control the Hollywood film unions, introduced gambling to the state of Nevada, and generally acted as a behind-the-scenes political manipulator, which allegedly included helping Eisenhower become President of the United States.

Bobby Kennedy vowed to bring him to justice, and the FBI spent decades trying to do



so, but Murray Humphreys eluded the authorities and died in 1965 of a heart attack aged 66, unassassinated and still laughing at the law.

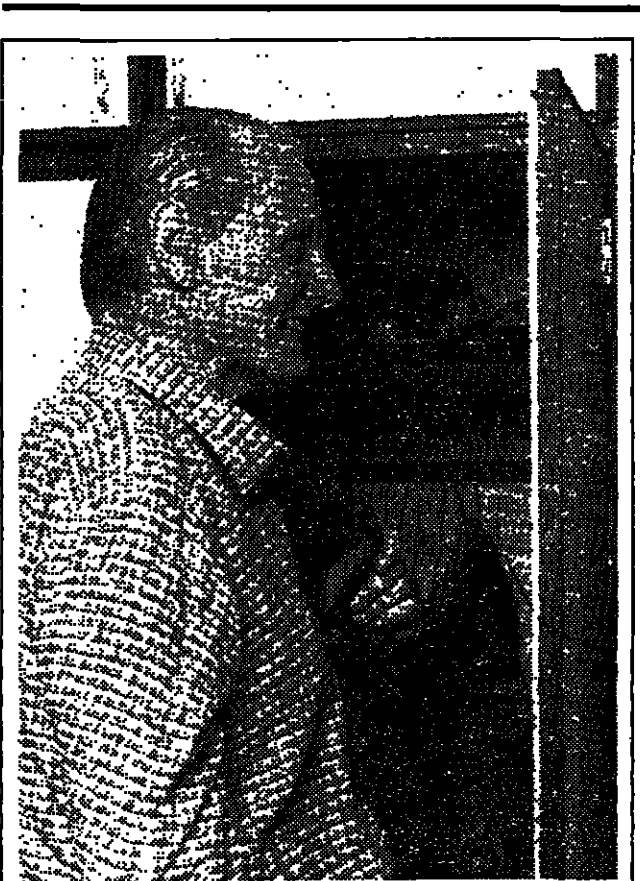
Yet of all the powerful gangsters of the Chicago era, the Hump is probably the least known to the public, barely mentioned in books and newspapers about the period. Elwyn Davies, now director of programmes at HTV Wales, discovered Murray's Welsh ancestry while researching another programme. The deeper he delved, the more he discovered that Murray, far from being an obscure gangster, was one of America's most eminent criminals.

His obsession with Murray (who took on that name in tribute to a judge who had befriended him) was soon joined by that of John Morgan, the writer and presenter of HTV Wales's documentary on Humphreys, *There Was a Crooked Man*, to be shown tomorrow.

"Here was a man, a thug, a gangster and a murderer, who made extraordinarily clear intellectual analyses of the future", Morgan says. "He was able to sit among the mob and say, quite coolly, 'Booting is over. Gambling will now begin.' And he made it work, and he survived. My thesis is that he was a kind of Chicago version of Machiavelli's *The Prince*."

Morgan's fascination led him to continue researching Murray after the end of filming, and to a book, *No Gangster So Bold*. "If I've learned one lesson from the documentary and the book, it is an understanding of how difficult it is for Americans to have any moral sense when their society is so completely dominated by money", he says.

Marcel Berlins
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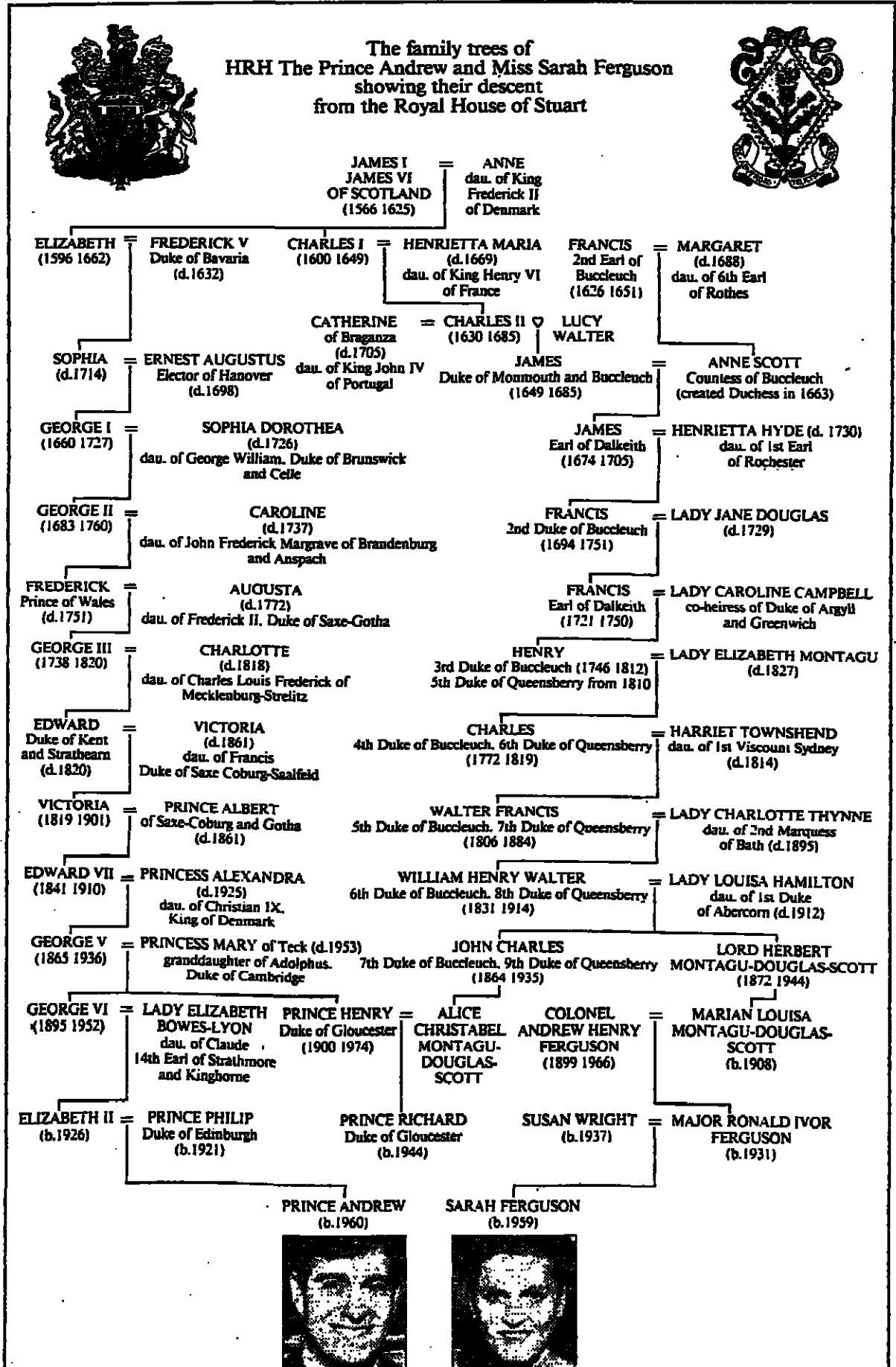
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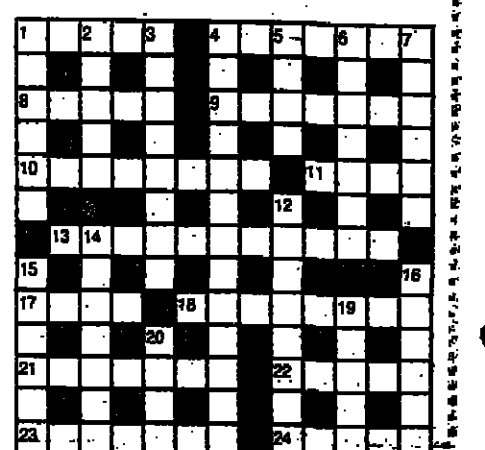
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THE TIMES DIARY

All going to pot

The Institute of Directors' normally soporific annual conference will be enlivened tomorrow by a member daring to propose a motion from the floor...

Southern cross

The RAF will find itself cast in the unusual role of package tour operator next year when a new attempt to turn the Falklands into a tourist attraction lifts off...

Sands of time

Colonel Gaddafi's vendetta against the West has taken a new twist. He has changed the names of the Western calendar months...

Track and veld

Something can still be salvaged from the Commonwealth Games fiasco. Now that nearly all the potential boycotters have in fact boycotted...

Much I do

Liverpool's Riverside Labour Club is holding its own Wedding of the Year on Wednesday - a militant mock-up of the real thing...

Crown these

Aaron Spelling, the unfairly wealthy producer of Dynasty, confided to me a couple of years ago his unbounded admiration for the Royal Family...

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Who speaks this treason?

Ronald Butt draws an inescapable conclusion from the 'Queen v Thatcher' report

There is only one question which really matters about the story in yesterday's Sunday Times that the Queen is "dismayed" not only by Mrs Thatcher's policy on South Africa...

That question is not whether there is somebody at, or about, the Palace in some position in which he could claim to be able to know the Queen's thinking...

Nor is the heart of the matter what precisely the Queen thinks about sanctions, or what she may have thought or said about any particular matters of domestic policy...

Since this is so the one question

which matters is whether the Queen herself authorized the account which was given to The Sunday Times as representing a true and fair indication of her thinking...

Unless we are to believe that the Queen has suddenly decided to act at variance with the manner in which she has reigned for 34 years, we must accept at face value the formal statement from the Palace yesterday that it was "simply unthinkable" that she would use a newspaper or ask officials to do so on her behalf...

The only inference to be drawn is that someone with sufficient credentials to claim acquaintance with the Queen's mind has chosen, acting personally, to give this account of it.

William Letwin shows how state services (and the taxpayer) would be helped by an injection of market forces

Charge more and standards too will rise



THE EMACIATED MERCHANT. From Punch, April 1930

and pensioners. Not the indirect beneficiaries, such as some doctors, dons and administrators. Not those who believe that government can never adequately fulfil its duty to further the people's welfare.

Take public medical services. No humane limit, say its supporters, can be set on expenditure to find cures for cancer and heart disease. More and more needs to be spent on geriatric treatment as people live longer and die slower.

A more heroic line of defence would be for the government to argue that it is spending enough already, more than enough. Who would believe that? Not the beneficiaries of the public services, such as patients, parents

solve the real problem. According to HM Inspectorate, 30 per cent of the lessons they attended recently were "unsatisfactory". Teachers in 60 per cent of the schools did not adequately recognize the "potential and needs" of pupils...

Simply to spend more on existing teachers, by raising their pay, will not remedy the faults in their teaching. Nor will hiring more teachers of the same average quality improve matters, since the reported decline in quality has taken place while the ratio of teachers to pupils has been rising.

Wisdom still from China's great survivor

In a country where reservations about the current party line can lead to dismissal and humiliation - and even death - Chen Yun has made criticism something of a profession. Thirty years ago he openly criticized Mao Tse-tung. Since then, he has questioned policy after policy. Now he is Deng Xiaoping's most potent critic.

Perhaps even older than the 82-year-old Deng, Chen is one of the five men on the politburo's supreme standing committee, together with Deng, the state president, Li Xiannian, Premier Zhao Ziyang and the party general secretary, Hu Yaobang.

In the unlikely event that China-watchers might miss the significance of what Chen has been saying, the volume was published to the accompaniment of a long commentary in the party's ideological journal, Red Flag.

who were becoming accustomed to Deng's praise for decentralization. "We are communists, who believe in planning".

The food supply is vital. Chen has always insisted. In 1956 he said that the second five-year plan must ensure that everyone had enough to eat. In 1959, when the Great Leap and establishment of the communes had brought China to the brink of a famine which would take at least 20 million lives, Chen bravely declared that "state farms and communes do not have sufficient experience."

For this heresy, Red Flag notes, Chen was called "a rightist deviationist". But it ignores Chen's speech of last September in which he cautioned that the Dengist encouragement of peasants to diversify into cash crops might lead to grain shortages and social disorder; since then it has become party policy to encourage grain cultivation.

Some observers wonder why Deng, who has removed virtually all those who disagree with him from leading positions, does not drive Chen from the standing committee. One answer is gratitude. Apart from his enormous authority and his record for being

right, it was Chen who, in 1977, urged a party conference to reinstate Deng, who had been purged twice during the Cultural Revolution.

Although Chen was silenced by Mao, he was not purged. Irritating he must have been, but he was not regarded as dangerous, probably because - unlike many others, including Deng - he seems to have avoided involvement in conspiracies against the leadership. Outspoken, honest and venerated as a thinker, Chen Yun acquired immense prestige, but never sought political power.

This explains Red Flag's final encomium in its comment on Chen's collected works. During the 15 years when his ideas were ignored and criticized, "Chen Yun upheld truth, observed party discipline, strictly refused to be contaminated by evil influences, and devoted himself to the exploration of the truth". Here is a great Chinese tradition: the upright official who withdraws while the struggle for power rages about him, who loses favour but not his head. Such sagas often survived to be invited back to the palace when a new emperor needed them.

given circumstances whom to ask to form a government and, if that person fails, whom next to turn to.

The value of her role is not simply neutrality; it is that her impartial position is so valued that it places on the political leaders an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner that saves her embarrassment, not pushing their own interests to a point which might oblige her to act in a way which could then be seen as controversial.

The Queen sees her prime minister regularly, usually once a week. Nobody else is present and no prime minister has ever given the slightest hint of what has passed in such audiences. The Queen also sees all state papers and gives audiences to other ministers. She has an accumulation of wisdom, knowledge and experience which comes from an unparalleled and unbroken experience of public affairs looked at from outside party politics.

This, however, is not the only benefit from her political neutrality. At times when there is no clear majority in a newly elected House of Commons to determine the government, the Queen's position is a great constitutional safeguard. It falls to her, as guardian of the constitution, to decide in any

standard. Needless to say, this line of argument is not altogether popular among existing teachers. And even for the public at large, the idea that more spending will not solve problems is difficult to digest because their experience in private markets suggests that goods of higher quality, be they cars or meals, can always be had by paying more.

The government might, of course, explain just how much public spending is costing taxpayers, in the hope of persuading them that it costs far too much. Put bluntly, it costs over 40 per cent of the national income (gdp). Unfortunately this fact bites less than could be wished. Many voters sense correctly that their own tax burden is far less than 40 per cent. Some recognize that their burden is light compared with that of the benefits they receive from public spending. Practically all voters are unaware of how much they pay because many taxes are invisible, hidden within retail prices.

The only way to bring home to voters how much public service costs is to charge them when they use it. In the private sector, demand is not insatiable; "enough" is reached when desire bumps into the barrier of means. The question that ought now to be the centre of public debate is how to arrange that the cost of public services is increasingly borne by those who use them while ensuring that nobody goes without essential services because he cannot pay.

The government must remind voters that public spending is not an end in itself but a means chiefly for maintaining a proper safety net and for providing some services (such as defence) that cannot be sold in markets for private consumption. It is not utopian to foresee that higher user charges, allowing for decreased dependence on tax revenue, could improve the quality of education, health care and other services now largely provided by the state.

Were the government to inaugurate so bold a departure, it could comfort itself with the reflection that a policy which stands out unpopular because of the means it employs may end being highly popular because of the benefits it yields.

Further comfort could be had from recalling that election results do not follow fiscal statistics. Even in these wicked times since 1945, governments that spent heavily have been defeated at the polls and governments that tried to restrain expenditure (of which there have been few) have been returned to office.

Many voters are shrewd enough to recognize that the level of public spending is not always the dominant political issue and that high spending is not a political virtue.

Jonathan Mirsky

Clement Freud

Westminster schooling

This will not go down as a vintage year in education legislation. In the past, 1944 was indisputably great: there are some who support it. 1966, 1980 has its fans for it enshrined choice and allowed parents to send their children to distant schools, provided there was room for them, and 1981 was a decent year, though not quite as decent as Mary Warnock had hoped when she published her report. Integrating without funds is a bit like figure-skating on porridge.

After Honeyford, after the graffiti trouble at Poundswick, it was clear we needed new laws... and while we are at it, went the government's argument, what a waste of opportunity not to use the occasion to enshrine in legislation a few tributes that will cheer the disenchanted Tory right wing, appraise the teachers, beat children, align sex education to "the family" just like nanny said.

What is the point of having Part IV Miscellaneous if we don't make use of it? Like the crew of good people who hunted the snark, we MPs of Standing Committee B, who have just completed examination and amendment of the Education Bill sent to us by the House of Lords, were motley yet had among our number much talent, only some of which was allowed to come into the open.

The home team was led by the Minister of State, Christopher Patten, MP for the marginal seat of Bath. He has a sharp mind behind a soft, drool-heavy-lidded, full-tipped face with the elasticity of movement and lack of prominent feature that will be the despair of cartoonists, and has long been the standby of successful comedians such as Sid Field and Robb Wilton. Moreover, he bears a sufficient resemblance to Kenneth Clarke to suggest that the Alliance's dream of the merger of Education and Training may yet be effected.

You expect such a man to say "Eeh, I'll never forget t'day fire broke out in Clutterworth public convenience..." Instead he says things like "the scope... is made explicit by Amendment No 25 which seeks to apply Section 2 (10) of the 1980 Act to the governing bodies of maintained special schools. However as Section 2 of the 1980 Act is about to be repealed by virtue of Clause 55 (6) and Schedule 5 it would have been better to seek to repeal the words in question".

Some way from the material that used to wow the pit stalls in the old-Finsbury Park Empire. Behind Patten sat his loyal Trappist parliamentary private secretary, deeply committed to silence, and all around him his political colleagues, dealing diligently with their constituency correspondence, listening with half an ear to the loss of arguments before ensuring victory in the ensuing vote. In simple mathematics, nine

moreover... Miles Kingston

Not the Geoffrey boycott?

Many people seem baffled by the whole Commonwealth Games controversy, and many more seem totally uninterested in it. To combat this distressing state of affairs, I am offering to-day an exciting and easy-to-understand guide and glossary to the whole business.

Commonwealth: A collection of countries united by their love of sport and their determination to stamp out racial prejudice, except in countries belonging to the Commonwealth. It is roughly divided into the senior Commonwealth members (those good at cricket) and junior (those excelling at long-distance running). As head of the Commonwealth, the Queen (qv) is entitled to have her head on all their stamps, and to have broadcasting time at Christmas. From time to time the leaders of all the Commonwealth countries get together to disagree about why they have met, and to discuss secretly why Canada is no good at either cricket or long-distance running.

Athletics: The sport which binds the Commonwealth together, perhaps because athletics is the only sport in which the contestants are all competing for themselves. It is divided into three main categories: field, track and boycott.

Boycott: The most important event in modern athletics, traditionally excelled in by African countries. It consists of such subsidiary contests as the threat to withdraw, the plea not to withdraw, the continued threat to withdraw, the appeal to heads of government, and the withdrawal itself. The winner is the first country to persuade South Africa to give up apartheid.

Gleneagles Agreement: A general understanding that, if the sporting representatives of different nations are to get together, it might as well be in a luxury hotel surrounded by golf courses.

Steve: The name commonly favoured by modern British athletes, having completely replaced the old favourite, David (Bedford, Moorcock, Hemery, Jenkins etc). Sebastian is probably a misprint of Steve.

New Zealand: A far-away country which usually inaugurates the boycott festivities by sending a rugby team to South Africa.

(which was their number) is more than seven (which was ours). Facing them was a triumvirate from the People's Party. Led by a Wykehamist supported by a Bachelor of Social Science from Birmingham University, whipped by an Etonian, their motto might have been "threat with urbanity" (which would surely better in Latin).

As I sit at my desk, 15 sittings reports lie by my side, each published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office for the modest sum of £7.25. Volume 1 is a fair indication: under the equivocal heading "sittings motion" it was suggested that we sit on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the mornings and afternoons - which in parliamentary language means "come back at 4.30 pm and sit until the government whip moves the adjournment, which he will not do unless he thinks progress has been made".

Committee work is not for everyone. As the sessions marched inexorably on, from our first meeting in June, the opposition took on a predictable identity - broad brush sentiment by Radice; neat debating points by Bennett; worthy repetitive bluster from Fisher; amazing new angles from Weitch of Ipswich, who spoke a different language from that of the Socialists around him; Fatchett the best of the extemporaneous debaters; and Flannery, diligently sitting there colouring extracts from the bill in red and yellow Day-glo and speaking at only 30 per cent full thrust. Flannery is at his best during Prime Minister's Question Time when he has a real, live enemy in his sights.

Perspicacious readers will note that I have written little about the government side. They were there - the record has their names down on the voting lists to prove it. Contributions, however, were confined to a bare half dozen, sorted by Key of Salisbury, Bowden of Dulwich, the very able, Norris of Oxford East on freedom of information, a word from Wood of Stevenage and a petulant squeak from Mrs Currie.

They were the clique, the paid hacks, getting in their hours of service so that the whips will remember the sterling silence they kept and bear them in mind for positions of responsibility. As a consequence the nation has a bill which will soon become an Act that will actually decree who, when local education authorities and governing bodies are in dispute, shall have the edge... and they have remnants of legislation that should, in the best of all worlds, have been left to good practice rather than deficient law.

None of us came out total losers - even I was offered a crumb; student governors in colleges of further education. It is a crumb from which, at report stage, one might well build a whole loaf; if not a baker's shop. The author is Liberal MP for Cambridgeshire North-east.

Unaccountably, it has failed to do so this time, so entrants for the boycott event have had to make do with a protest against Mrs Thatcher's reluctance to impose sanctions against South Africa. Most observers feel this lacks the colour and flamboyance of the traditional New Zealand ceremony.

South Africa: Another far-away country which withdrew completely from the Commonwealth Games 25 years ago and has totally dominated it ever since. Edinburgh: A far-away city which is the usual home of the Commonwealth Games. It is divided into two main categories: the Official Games, catering for mainstream events, and the Fringe, which offers such exciting street theatre events as The Expulsion of Zolt Budd, Steve Overt's Twinge, The Mysterious Disappearance of the Malaysian Badminton Team, The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Kenyan, etc.

Canada: A far-away country which isn't much good at rugby either. Jean-Pierre Rampal: A French flute player who handles most of the Commonwealth's day-to-day correspondence.

Motto: The Commonwealth Games motto is: "The object is to win by not taking part". Ice Hockey: The one game that Canada is really good at. Unfortunately, it is not featured in the Commonwealth Games. On the other hand, Canada has a 100 per cent record in having consistently refused to send an ice hockey team to South Africa.

Queen: The titular head of the Commonwealth, and if more than half the countries withdraw, she has a constitutional duty to boycott the Games as well, thus giving her a well-deserved day off.

Africa: A far-away continent which has been so successful in the boycott events that nobody in Britain can remember having seen an African team compete here. Zola: An impassioned French novelist who has threatened to boycott the Games unless Jewish members are reinstated in the French team.

All Blacks: The name of the New Zealand rugby team, and the one aspect of the Commonwealth which has never been the subject of a boycott protest.



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A SIGNIFICANT TREATY

By ratifying the Anglo-American extradition treaty so overwhelmingly last week the United States Senate has done much to dispense a cloud which has hung over relations between the two countries. The measure is incomplete and overdue. But the treaty nonetheless half-closes a loophole through which the IRA has driven a number of unpleasant hoodlums in recent years, and for that we must be grateful.

The possession of firearms and conspiracy are two crimes which remain uncovered by this latest supplement to our transatlantic extradition arrangements. These remaining gaps might have saved several of those convicted in the recent Brighton bomb trial from being sent back to this country, had they managed to escape across the water. They also leave American courts with the right to refuse extradition if they are unhappy about the fairness of the judicial procedures they might meet with here.

This caveat has clearly been retained with one eye on the Diplock no-jury courts in Ulster. It is worth pointing out to concerned Americans that 53 per cent of those brought before these courts in 1984 were actually acquitted (the acquittal rate for those cases which were brought before a jury was only 49 per cent) and that those who are convicted have automatic right of appeal. This may not prove very much. But it does at least suggest that, imperfect thought they might sound, these courts

are not rubber-stamping machines for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which is how some Americans clearly see them.

Despite remaining anomalies however, the amended treaty is a significant step forward because it removes the right of IRA murderers to claim exemption on the grounds that their crimes were political. That it does not go as far as this Government would like can hardly be a matter for complaint, if only because Britain too has been historically very cautious on the subject. It was after all the reluctance of Britain to return Spanish fugitives to Madrid which caused the breakdown of the old extradition arrangements between the two countries — and made the task of negotiating new ones rather tricky.

The caution which this country has long felt is well meant and soundly based. There are some countries whose respect for human rights and the law does not equate with our own and whose safeguards against wrong convictions and immoderate sentencing are clearly inadequate. But the principle can be carried too far and does not always work in the best interests of justice.

The Government is preparing to take a fresh look at this area in the Criminal Justice Bill which will be presented to Parliament in the next session. The requirement for lawyers seeking extradition to prove a *prima facie* case before a court in this country

will almost certainly be modified — making it easier to enter into *quid pro quo* arrangements with another country. The possibility of *ad hoc* extradition to countries with which no actual treaty is in force is likely to be introduced, along with re-extradition to more than one country and a less restricting definition of the crimes for which extradition can be granted.

It is a difficult area. The Government would be rightly attacked in Parliament and elsewhere if it tried to introduce legislation which resulted in the easy dispatch of, say, genuine political dissidents to authoritarian and unscrupulous regimes. So indeed it might if it allowed fugitives to return to face the death penalty for crimes which in Britain would merit much less severe retribution. This country should not be in the business of oiling the instruments of repression or turning a blind eye to brutality. But there have been times in the past when the cause of justice has been ill-served by our failure to negotiate a proper extradition treaty with some otherwise friendly nation overseas. The obvious need for the Americans to amend their own procedures over the IRA has brought this home to many more clearly than a volume of legal arguments might have done. We welcome the new mood in Congress. But we must learn our own lessons from it and recognise the need to re-examine our priorities in the fight against crime and terrorism.

THE PARTY AND THE NATION

The first prisoners to benefit from the amnesty declared at Poland's Communist Party Congress last month will be released tomorrow. Polish National Day. The conjunction of Party beneficence with national celebration is entirely deliberate and calculated to associate the two in the minds of nationally proud Poles (the majority). But such tactics are unlikely to work.

On the face of it, the amnesty appears relatively generous. An estimated 20,000 people may eventually be set free. And while the majority will be petty criminals and juveniles, the release of some political prisoners — or as the Polish authorities prefer to call them, non-criminal detainees — is not specifically ruled out.

The small print of the amnesty will, however, give many of Poland's political prisoners pause for thought. It stipulates that all those released must pledge not to repeat the offence for which they were sentenced. They are being required, in effect, to enter into a pact with the authorities: to cease their opposition to the Polish regime in return for their freedom.

The notion of a pact between the Polish authorities and the people was a recurrent theme of the Party Congress at

which this week's amnesty was announced. It was the first Congress since Poland's opposition had discovered its strength in the independent trade union, Solidarity. And it was the first since the Communist Party had effectively admitted defeat by resorting to the declaration of martial law. As such, it was an event charged with symbolism.

The Congress ran along thoroughly orthodox lines and formalized the return of one-party rule in Poland. In less than four years, using all the weapons in its armoury of repression, the depleted and discredited Communist Party had re-formed and re-established itself. At the Congress it surrounded itself once more with all the accoutrements of ruling communist parties, including a Programme — or manifesto of its intentions.

The presence at the Congress of the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachov, served to emphasise the return of the Eastern bloc's black sheep to the fold. Moreover his extravagant praise for the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, made it clear that anyone who thought martial law and the Jaruzelski manner incompatible with a Gorbachov-style Eastern Europe was gravely mistaken.

So it was from a position of strength that the Polish Party

leader held out the prospect of national reconciliation. He stressed Poland's sense of tradition, its nationhood. He alluded to social divisions of the past, to errors in the ways of the Communist Party and to what could and could not be tolerated in church-state relations in Poland. His message was that, given time, a Party-nation concordat would evolve which would render Solidarity or anything like it inconceivable.

Thirty years after 1956, it is possible to see a model for Poland's future in Hungary, where Janos Kadar has effected a painful reconciliation of the sort General Jaruzelski appears to envisage. But Poland, as it is said, will be Poland, and the Kadar solution cannot apply.

Poles have loyalties which bind them as a nation beyond anything the Communist Party can provide. They have the Catholic Church, which is a potent force even with the less than charismatic leadership it has at present. They have their national heritage, which includes an unblemished record in fighting Nazism. And, for all the Communist Party's attempts to seal it in the past, they have the recent memory of Solidarity — which is why this week's amnesty will not have the effect General Jaruzelski desires.

S African crisis

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative). Sir, As an antidote to Dr Mennell's letter (July 17) about Hitler's war and South Africa, I was one of thousands going to the Middle East in 1942 in a large convoy of troops. We landed for a few days at Cape Town and as an infantry company commander I was the last off the ship. Imagine my surprise when I saw no-one else on the quay. The following day I was first off and in no time was picked up by a family, taken to their house and, except for sleeping on board, madamly home there for the next four days. Among the household was a young British officer blinded at the battle of Alamein. I discovered that everyone else in the convoy had been picked up and taken to someone's house. My hosts were not of British stock, but Cape Dutch. I shall never forget their kindness. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, House of Commons, SW1.

The Navy in Spain

From Canon R. Collins. Sir, In the many articles concerning the Spanish civil war which have appeared in various quarters lately, I have not noticed any reference to the humanitarian work of the Royal Navy. Our destroyers rescued many refugees of either side from points off the Spanish coast, often at considerable risk.

HMS Hunter was torpedoed (or mined) during this work of mercy; some of her engine-room staff were killed or wounded. Almost sinking, she was brought safely into Gibraltar, repaired, and finally sunk at Narvik.

The German pocket-battleship Deutschland took a more belligerent part off the Spanish coast, and received a bomb for her pains. Hitler was so alarmed at the possible loss of a ship so named that he had her re-named Lutzow. Our own ships did a great work, and saved many lives, both Nationalist and Republican. Yours faithfully, RONALD COLLINS, Weir Meadow, Oakford, Tiverton, Devon.

Puzzling plurals

From Mr C. J. Saville Glanvill. Sir, Does not Dr Sarkies (July 9) fall into error when he discusses the plural of PS, which is the conventional abbreviation of postscript, but is in fact composed of the initial letters of post scriptum and post, being a preposition, is not declinable. The abbreviation PPS, to which Dr Sarkies refers, is surely an abbreviation of post post scriptum — i.e. a second postscript to a single script. I ignore, of course, Parliamentary Private Secretaries who, if susceptible of mass abbreviation, must be PPSS. To turn to another variation on the same theme: can anybody explain why the plural Lords Justices, which until the last war

was invariably and correctly abbreviated LLJJ, is now abbreviated LJ, even in the Law Reports? Is the law no longer a literate profession? I remain, Sir, faithfully, C. J. SAVILLE GLANVILL, Pearl Assurance House, 4 Temple Row, Birmingham, July 9.

Henge at risk

From Mr M. J. H. Liversidge. Sir, The proposal to build houses on Condote Henge (report, May 26) seriously threatens a major archaeological site. Condote Henge is the only henge monument in Gloucestershire and is one of relatively few such sites in the whole country.

Radiocarbon analysis indicates that it was probably constructed around 2000 BC and the location of other Bronze Age remains, such as barrows, in the area suggests that it may have been a focal ceremonial site for the whole of the north Cotswolds. Development on the henge would irrevocably destroy the archaeological evidence it preserves. If consent is given by the Department of the Environment the procedure for protecting ancient monuments by means of scheduling will be shown in practice to afford no protection at all. Yours faithfully, M. J. H. LIVERSIDGE (Chairman of Council, Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society), 16 Shortland House, 1 Beaufort Road, Bristol, Avon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Queen and Commonwealth

From Dr Geoffrey Marshall. Sir, Enoch Powell's assertion (feature, July 17) that it is a gross breach of a Privy Councillor's oath to attribute to the Sovereign personal opinions at variance with the advice of her Prime Minister seems to imply that there is something improper about such disagreement. However, if the Sovereign has the right to be consulted, to encourage and to warn, it cannot be the case that her opinions must always coincide with those of her advisors.

In Bagehot's words, a constitutional monarch may properly — though confidentially — say: "The responsibility of these measures is upon you. Whatever you think best shall have my full and effectual support. But you will observe that for this reason and that reason what you proposed to do is bad; for this reason and that reason what you do not propose is better."

Even if the head of the Commonwealth receives no advice, the Queen of the United Kingdom is entitled to hold views about the Commonwealth of which she happens to be head and of which the United Kingdom is, amongst other things, a member. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MARSHALL, The Queen's College, Oxford, July 17.

From Mr Ronald Maclean, QC. Sir, George Hill writes (July 16) that for some members of the Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth is Queen, with a queenship quite autonomous and not legally derivative from her role as Queen of England.

There cannot be much hope for the future of the Commonwealth if that is what they think. What about the component countries, including England, that are the United Kingdom, one of which is attempting to host the Commonwealth Games? Perhaps there would be less threat to the Games if members of the Commonwealth could be induced to believe that Mrs Thatcher was Prime Minister of England only. Yours faithfully, RONALD MACLEAN, 12 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh, July 16.

From Mr C. Starling. Sir, Any suggestion that the Prime Minister may bow to Common-

wealth pressure and agree to sanctions (by whatever name) against South Africa must cause for serious concern. That such pressure may be perceived to succeed by reason of the tacit support of her Majesty the Queen is preposterous.

Dr Kenneth Kaunda has, in your columns (letters, July 3) denied that he has pleaded for the support of her Majesty in his call for sanctions or that he would do so. It is to be hoped that he will honour this pledge and that he will lead his fellow heads of state in the Commonwealth to do likewise, for any other course would create an embarrassment to her Majesty and be inherently dishonourable.

The Prime Minister, as leader of the United Kingdom Government, is alone in a position to judge the interests of the country. The loyalties of the most vocally pressing Commonwealth heads of state lie exclusively with their own countries (no fault in that) and with the ANC: whether their demands are concerned with or in the interests of the whole black population of South Africa is questionable.

That these countries have no concern whatever for the interests of the United Kingdom, however, is very clear indeed. They merely look to the United Kingdom to do, at her own cost, what they could themselves never hope to achieve. Yours faithfully, C. STARLING, 18 Chinnithurst Park, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey.

From Lt-Comdr E. V. Inglesby. Sir, HM the Queen is surely under oath to serve her country "by the grace of God". Only secondarily is she head of many other Christian and non-Christian countries.

The security of Britain over the centuries has depended upon the Sovereign's obedience to this oath, and to his subjects' obedience to their Sovereign. The opposite is treason. If the Sovereign should now support the Commonwealth against the advice of the British Government an intolerable strain upon one's loyalty could result. Yours faithfully, E. V. INGLESBY, 55 Wells Road, Glastonbury, Somerset.

Kenyan withdrawal

From Mr John S. Henley. Sir, In reply to your readers are in my doubts as to who caused Kenya to withdraw from the 1986 Commonwealth Games, I can recount at first hand the mood of the Kenya Government up until the morning of July 9.

On Saturday, July 5, I watched the East and central Africa athletics match at the Kenya National Stadium. The President, in his closing speech to the competitors, wished them all well in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

On Sunday, I was invited to have lunch with the President in State House, Nakuru, along with Ministers and senior officials involved in the Kenya educational system. Neither over lunch nor in his speech in the afternoon to winners in the national music competition was there any mention of Kenya's impending withdrawal from the Commonwealth Games.

On Tuesday, I flew back to Britain in the company of the

Minister of Culture and Social Services and his permanent secretary. We talked of many things but in relation to the Games all we talked about was how big the Kenya contingent was going to be.

Opening my first British newspaper on Wednesday I could not believe my eyes. In Kenya, economic sanctions against South Africa is a moral issue. It cannot be ducked, least of all by a deeply religious head of state who is constantly reminding his people of the national philosophy of love, peace and unity.

When will Mrs Thatcher realise that international diplomacy requires her to see the world as others see it? As a democratically elected politician of 30 years standing, President Moi knows there are some issues that cannot be avoided in public. Yet again, athletics is the only weapon available to an African country trying to take a moral stand. Yours faithfully, JOHN HENLEY, 50 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh, July 13.

MPs' secretaries

From Mr John B. Harris. Sir, MPs have done well to vote themselves more secretarial support (report, July 17). Anyone who has dealings by telephone with senior executives in commercial, industrial or academic organizations will have encountered more and more often in recent years the response not only that he or she is in a meeting, but that "I am not really his secretary".

The truth is that he hasn't got one. So it is not possible to get an up-to-date check on the progress or developments in matters of mutual interest — whether a letter has been received or sent, a view expressed, a meeting being planned and so forth.

There is a saving of a secretary's salary, but I contend that this is far outweighed by the hidden cost of delay and frustration imposed on clients, customers and consultants — those who produce the goods. Yours faithfully, JOHN B. HARRIS, 31 Princedale Road, W11, July 17.

Jury challenge

From Mr Martin Wilson, QC, and Mr Nicholas Browne, QC. Sir, The right of peremptory jury challenge has been maintained for centuries not for some ritual reason, but for a real purpose which both you, in your leader of July 10, and the Government appear to have overlooked. That fundamental purpose is to ensure, as far as is possible, that a person accused of a crime will feel that he faces a fair trial by his jury.

Occasionally some potential jurors do manifest an air of prejudice towards a type of person to which the accused belongs, or feels he belongs. Other jurors, occasionally, appear — for reasons which would embarrass them to investigate publicly — to be unsuitable to try a particular type of case.

These are things which are indefinable, and therefore not susceptible to challenge for cause, but they are nonetheless real. We strongly deprecate the

Royal wedding

From Mrs Elizabeth McGrory. Sir, The decision to allow television cameras to film the faces of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson as they exchange their marriage vows (report, July 17) is to be regretted.

We hear much about the need to maintain the dignity of the royal family yet the most solemn and important moment of this couple's lives is to be shared with millions of gawping viewers as if they were soap-opera stars.

The wedding service places the bride and groom with their backs to the congregation for good reason: the ritual, though public, stresses both the sacredness and mystery of the moment and also its intimacy.

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson are to be denied a traditional privacy — for which most ordinary couples are heartily thankful — in order to complete a TV spectacular. One dreads to think where this public voyeurism will end. Yours sincerely, ELIZABETH MCGRORY, 32 St George's Avenue, N7.

Government's proposed abolition of this ancient right. We are also concerned at the way in which the Government has announced its proposals. Earlier this year the White Paper on its plans for criminal justice legislation was issued, setting out its proposals and seeking the views of interested professional bodies.

Abolition of the right of peremptory challenges was set out in the White Paper as one of three alternatives, and not as the one which the Government favoured. It was, intentionally or not, made known that the Government favoured the reduction in the number of challenges. Now, before all relevant representations have been received, it is reported that the Government has decided on abolition. Is that not a peremptory challenge of public and professional opinion? Yours faithfully, MARTIN WILSON, NICHOLAS BROWNE, 6 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

Lessons in the value of design

From the Chairman of the Design Council and others. Sir, This country's industrial decline is widely attributed to a culture disseminated by our schools, not least in the independent sector. We believe that one of the most effective ways of countering this decline is by expanding the influence of "design", as a method of approach in many areas of the curriculum at all levels of education and also, wherever possible, as a subject in its own right.

The work of schools is largely conditioned by the examinations which their pupils must pass in order to qualify for the next rung of the ladder. Most universities now recognise A-level design as a useful indicator of a candidate's interests and abilities. But the public schools have been slow to pass on the message to the schools that feed them. There is no evidence in the Common Entrance papers that originality, inventiveness or practical skill will be of any value in subsequent schooling.

Science papers are at last compulsory, but they afford no opportunity for creative thinking. History and language papers demand no insights into the thrills and significance of technology, and mathematics remains a largely academic discipline.

The value of including design in the curriculum stems from the creative thinking and synthesis which it engenders in contrast to the analytical bias in so many subjects. So an exposure to it will ensure that all who pass through the educational system will have a chance of becoming inspired by the exciting opportunities in crafts and technology, which in turn will attract many more able students to consider seriously an industrial career.

A radical reform of the Common Entrance examination is necessary and possible. Without it, the fundamentally vital skills of designing and making will continue to be downgraded and too often be past repair by the age of 12 or earlier. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM BARLOW, Chairman, The Design Council, CLARK BRUNDIN, Vice-Chancellor, University of Warwick, CALDECOTE, FELLOWSHIP OF ENGINEERING, GEOFFREY CHANDLER, Director, Industry Year, CHRIS ELLIS, Head of Design Department, Eton College, 1971-84, R. K. INGRAM, Headmaster, Dragon School, Oxford, DAVID NICKSON, President, Confederation of British Industry.

The Design Council, 28 Haymarket, SW1.

Undue intimacy

From Dr N. G. B. Hersey. Sir, In recent years, in hospitals up and down the country, it has become customary for nurses, secretaries and porters to address patients by their first name. I am relieved that even the most junior doctors still reserve this informal approach for young people, the mentally handicapped and some very seriously ill patients requiring intensive care.

Some of my senior nursing colleagues join me in deploring this departure from traditional courtesy. Clearly it is well meant, but in practice many patients regard it as presumptuous, uncaring and as unwelcome as a request to undergo fully in front of a group of medical students. In both cases it is difficult to object for fear of causing offence.

If the Royal College of Nursing (probably the only body capable of restoring normal civilities) considers informality to be in the best interests of patients, why does it so seldom apply in the case of senior nursing officers admitted to their own hospitals as patients? Yours faithfully, N. G. B. HERSEY (Consultant Anaesthetist), 2 Great Archway, Plymouth, Devon, July 17.

Dutch connection

From the Chairman of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust. Sir, I would like to add to Lord Whitelaw's wise words in the House of Lords this week (report, July 15) and further ally the fears expressed by some members regarding the 1988 William and Mary Tercentenary Trust.

The celebrations planned are specifically ecumenical and intended to honour and illumine three centuries of exchange and trade between the Netherlands and Britain. They will consist of cultural exchange and youth projects, scientific symposia, ecumenical meetings of churchmen of all denominations, arts performances and sports events. The historical input will be a re-examination of what the reign of William and Mary (the latter one of our most loved queens) meant in terms of the Bill of Rights, the Toleration Act, and other vital ingredients of our State, such as the independence of the press. These all stemmed from their reign, and to ignore this anniversary would be to belittle our Constitution. Yours sincerely, CHARLES TIDBURY, Chairman, William & Mary Tercentenary Trust, c/o AGB Research, plc, Ludgate House, 107-111 Fleet Street, EC4.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 21 1925

The royal appeal of 80 years ago finds an echo at this time. Plastic bags and cartons may have replaced banana skins and broken bottles as the chief offenders, and the problem may now have spread to streets and roadsides, but the issue is as topical now as it was then.

LITTER IN PUBLIC PARKS EDUCATING THE MINORITY

The appeal made by the King at the opening of Ken Wood for tidiness in the parks and open spaces has been welcomed by all who are concerned with the care of such places, as an effective lead in the education of a minority of the public who are the chief offenders. General opinion on the subject regards publicity and propaganda as the most likely to achieve the desired end. Prosecutions taken under the bye-laws which have been obtained by some local authorities, are not necessarily successful method of handling the problem, and while it is stated by Dame Beatrice Lyall, chairman of the Parks Committee of the LCC, that the powers of the council in this respect will be more drastically applied in the future, more hope seems to be placed by others in the method of education.

This system was advocated yesterday by Mr. Lawrence W. Chubb, secretary of the Scapa Society, which seeks to prevent the disfigurement of the countryside. Mr. Chubb gave examples of appeals to the public which, perhaps because of their ingenious wording, have proved effective. At the same time he admitted the serious results of the practice of leaving litter in public places and expressed the hope that every public authority would follow up the lead given by the King. "It is lamentable," he said, "that every year privileges of access to beautiful parks or sights are being withdrawn from the whole community because of the infinitesimally small percentage of the visitors who selfishly leave litter and willfully abuse their privileges. The prevalence of this litter nuisance is largely due to thoughtlessness or ignorance."

"Since the Scenery Preservation Committee was formed last year it has been amalgamated with the Scapa Society, and that society has suggested that the curative measures most likely to prove effective would be, first, to see that through the education authorities all children are taught the need for tidiness in public places, and that, secondly, the prevalence of litter should be made public and propaganda and of such organizations as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides." He added that it was unfortunate that up to the present the provision of receptacles for litter was inadequate in the majority of our parks and open spaces. This was especially the case in the country. . . .

Mr Chubb added that a further practical step was to arrange for local watchers or Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to patrol the areas where the litter nuisance is most prevalent. He suggested that the curative measures most likely to prove effective would be, first, to see that through the education authorities all children are taught the need for tidiness in public places, and that, secondly, the prevalence of litter should be made public and propaganda and of such organizations as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides." He added that it was unfortunate that up to the present the provision of receptacles for litter was inadequate in the majority of our parks and open spaces. This was especially the case in the country. . . .

EXPENSE OF CLEANING Dame Beatrice Lyall . . . expressed the view that the evil is increasing, and remarks upon the expense which this upon the County Council in dealing with litter. While admitting the general appreciation of the parks evinced by the bulk of the community, she declared that a minority show a "callous disregard for the welfare and happiness of their fellow-citizens." She continued, "in spite of by-laws and waste baskets, they strew the lawns and beds with waste paper, broken bottles, or used banana skins, peanut shells, and rubbish of all kinds, which not only spoil the look of the gardens, but cause many accidents to children in or near padding pools . . ."

Concluding she said: "I hope those who see persons leaving paper or rubbish lying about will protest forthwith and report the matter instead of merely acquiescing in an evil. I would also appeal to teachers and all who talk to children to speak to them on this disregard of the rights of others . . ."

Cabinet pudding

From Miss H. R. Sykes. Sir, In answer to Mr Robinson's botanical query (July 15): the boysenberry is the large, red, edible fruit of a hybrid bramble of the loganberry, and various blackberries and raspberries, and was so named after Rudolph Boysen, the American botanist who developed it. Yours faithfully, HILARY SYKES, Carrantouhill, Bare Lane, Oakbrook, Derby.

Unkind cut

From Dr P. Furniss. Sir, What chance of survival has the dipthong when even you cannot spell "Caesarean" (leading article, July 11)? I note that you also prefer medieval to mediaeval. As an anaesthetist I must declare a partisan interest in the matter, but I am sure Aesculapius would add his support to my plea. Sir, I beg you to protect the disappearing dipthong; it is an endangered English species! Yours faithfully, P. FURNISS, 10 Mile End Road, Norwich, July 12.

THE ARTS

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Television A class apart

The "leading personalities" assembled at Wembley Stadium on Saturday for Frank Bruno's Big Night Out (BBC1) indulged in some mild flag-waving...

In David Frost's view, such "leading personalities" now form a fourth social class alongside the old upper, lower and middle. Since he is himself a humanitarian survivor of the 1960s...

Neil Kinnock demonstrated that he has more of a future as a comic than as a politician (not because he is any funnier when he is trying to be funny, but because his sentences are only a tenth of their normal length)...

As to the Gallup Poll on which the wretched programme was hooked, the fact that 50 per cent of those interviewed considered themselves middle-class (and none upper-class) surely proved that most of us feel that there is safety in numbers.

The Most Important Program in the World (ITV) cocked an oddly jolky snook at President Reagan's "star wars" plans. Computer software has to be designed by fallible humans, the argument runs, and so it is pointless spending \$30 billion on an awesomely complex system which cannot be road-tested and which anyway may not do the job for which it is designed.

The report made out a reasonable if messily presented case for the validity of these fears, but might have found time to question whether the "Peace Shield" is to be constructed by the same contractors involved in the Challenger and Titan disasters...

Jazz LSO/Dankworth Barbican Hall

So dismal was the first half of this concert, in which John Dankworth conducted the augmented London Symphony Orchestra through the rearranged works of Duke Ellington, that your correspondent quickly fell into a childish game of providing the compositions with titles reworded to fit an occasion whose stifling middle-class pretensions seemed to set the cause of jazz appreciation in Britain back 30 or 40 years.

You might say, then, that the evening opened with "Lumberjacks in Rhythm", the ingratiating Dankworth cueing bassoons, glockenspiels and all manner of impediments. A "Crimplene Doll" was evoked through the voicing together of piccolo and tuba, evidence of the limits of Dankworth's sense of humour. "Dormobile" - oh, all right, then. "Caravan" - should have been towed away. Only one title resisted tampering: "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got that Swing".

It is possible for arrangers and soloists of great character - Charles Mingus, Thelonious



Sustaining force: Janette Mulligan and Martyn Fleming in *The World Again*

Festival Ballet Coliseum

London Festival Ballet's new programme on Friday night showed the range and quality of the dancers at full stretch, with Christopher Bruce's new ballet, a powerful piece of dance theatre, framed between two big classical showpieces.

Watching the premiere of *The World Again*, was for much of its length, something like picking up a front-line dispatch on the radio but not knowing where it came from. I found myself unsure who these people were but desperately caring about their fate, concerned for their problems, happy at their strength and compassion.

Walter Nobbe's design gives a clue: at the back hangs a huge shape like an aerial photograph of the earth, its face changing as clouds move over it. There is a central character, played by Janette Mulligan, whom we first see coming away from that world, troubled and uneasy. The other dancers, entering, support and help her, encourage

her to rest, then continue those sympathetic actions among themselves. After a time Mulligan is carried off, and when she returns she seems alarmed about the others, who now appear aggressive, dangerous - all except Martyn Fleming, who continues to sustain her.

It seems with a repeat of some of the opening phrases, that the ballet is to end abstractly as it began, but then comes a difference that clarifies all. The other dancers lift Mulligan triumphantly and leave her to a more open, confident duet with Fleming, while an unidentified voice from the orchestra pit sings of coming into the world again. And that is exactly what Mulligan does, turning and walking back towards the planet she left, behind which are now seen the faces of the other dancers.

You can read the allegory how you will (to me it suggested illness suffered and overcome), but the theme of the world lost and found again gives a rich emotional depth to the choreography but sets all the dancers moving in a

Dance

Depth of emotional power

style which excitingly combines their strong academic technique with the softer, more pliant forms of contemporary dance. Once again, Bruce has cast his ballet with an assorted group mingling principals with raw recruits and bringing out personal qualities from all of them. Geoffrey Burgon's score, an orchestral fantasia, adds further theatrical colour to a gripping work.

Before this came the first London showing of Natalia Makarova's production for Festival Ballet of the famous "Shades" theme from *La Bayadere*. The long slow entry of the corps de ballet, down the double ramp at the back and criss-crossing the stage, showed the company at its very best, giving the steps a beautiful gloss and making this pure classical dance into something dramatic too. Andria Hall is new to the production since I praised its Birmingham premiere a few months ago; her solos as Nikiya are splendidly polished, exact and pure.

To end the evening came this company's first London performance of *Symphony in*

C. Balanchine's splendidly exhilarating spectacle of virtuosic dancing to Bizet's funny youthful score. Praise is due to Festival Ballet's orchestra for their spirited playing under Graham Bond for this, the Burgon piece (and an impassioned *Ondine* earlier in the week), and under Andrew Mogreila for *Bayadere*.

Balanchine makes big demands in *Symphony in C*: eight principals, 16 soloists and a corps de ballet, all dancing flat out and stylishly too: a tall order which Festival Ballet meets pretty well. Trinidad Seviliano, splendidly partnered by Alexander Sombar, dances with youthful reality in the adagio; Karen Gee and Matz Skog sparkle and shine in the third movement, allegro vivace. They are the best, but everyone dances with joyful verve.

John Percival

Jamaica's National Dance Theatre Company is to visit Britain, for the first time in 14 years, as part of the Commonwealth Institute's Caribbean Focus, playing at Riverside Studios from August 12 to 16.

Promenade Concerts

Season launched with emphatic triumph

BBCSO/Maazel Albert Hall/BBC2/Radio 3

There is little one can say about Mahler's Eighth Symphony; not unless, like Donald Mitchell, one has half a whacking tome and half a lifetime's experience to put into it. Most of all, there is little one can say after so triumphantly emphatic, and emphatically triumphant, a performance as we heard on Friday night under Lorin Maazel. But perhaps one can suggest why the work is so special.

Unlike all the other great choral pieces of the repertoire, it is not a setting of a religious ceremony or a recounting of a sacred history. It is not a version of anything; it is just itself. It is not an image of acts of

praise devised for the church, but itself an act of praise for the concert hall. Mahler might well have called it a "consecration play" if the title had not been pre-empted, and if he had not been far too ironic a personality to have let himself get away with it.

But the word "symphony" is enough to separate it from the genres of mass and oratorio, and to make it clear that this is a work that puts a sacred act into the orchestral repertoire. As such, it is immune to performance as much as to criticism. The scale of the resources keeps it well clear of ever becoming commonplace, and the music is so strong that success is guaranteed once those huge forces are assembled. But, having said that, there is room for imagination and daring to show, as Mr Maazel allowed us to discover. The massive acclamations will

perhaps look after themselves, but the quiet and quirky moments benefit from the kind of care they had here. The choral pianissimos were marvelously conveyed as ethereal whisperings, emerging imperceptibly out of silence in many cases, and yet letting the harmony be felt even when the volume was so little. Also remarkable was the dancing lightness that at once distanced and intensified the nihilistic orchestral interlude in the first movement, or the superb control of tone-colour melody in the introduction to the second.

Among the constituent choirs, special praise must go to the women who so freshly provided the voices of young angels, and to the boys of Tiffin School for sounding so natural: any more cultivated phrasing, or cultivated German, could not have provided an effect of such candour.

Only the soloists were not altogether as one might have wished, and there were moments in the first movement when even this tremendous performance began to falter under the wavering of Johanna Meier and Reiner Goldberg. Bernd Weikl was also below his excellent best as Pater Ecclesiasticus, and Ildiko Kormosi offered again excessive wobble as Mulier Samaritana. The second women were both superior, Elizabeth Connell fingering out her high B flats to shining purpose in a performance of powerful conviction and Linda Finnie singing with immense strength and beautiful tone as Maria Aegyptiaca.

Altogether the Albert Hall has been properly prepared for the Proms.

Paul Griffiths

Taverner Players/Parrott Albert Hall/Radio 3

For once the late-comers were part of the attraction. It mattered not a whit to see them scuffling down the aisles, to hear the doors banging, the carrier-bags rustling. It was all part of the grand mélé, on stage as much as in

the auditorium, which took place to the accompaniment of brass fanfares in between the six Florentine Intermedii brought to the Proms on Saturday night.

Although Hugh Keyte's outstanding programme-notes warned us, quite properly, of the dangers of viewing this late 16th-century courtly entertainment as mere embryonic opera, it was a coup of programming to present them as a prologue, as it were, to last night's *Orfeo*; and no less of a tour de force of historical reconstruction to present them in the way Andrew

Parrott's Taverner Players did.

No attempt was made (though I suspect the challenge may now become irresistible) to re-create physically the masque-like tableaux vivants which were spectacle fit for the wedding celebrations of a Medici. The flying machines, monstrous dragons and garden of hamadryads figured only in the voices of Richard Pasco and Barbara Leigh-Hunt, whose readings from contemporary accounts of the classical myths they drama-

tized, linked one age of gold to another with robust elegance.

Robert Donington has most aptly described these dramatic interludes, originally mere diversions inside a greater play, as "drama diversified rather than unfolded by music". And on Saturday the range of musical resources at hand to execute the writing of Marzetto Malvezzi, Peri and Caccini contributed delightfully to that diversification.

There was Emma Kirkby, more Botticellian than ever, tossing out streamers of vocal ornamentation from the ca-

dences of her goddess-solos; there were the choruses of plucked and bowed strings hymning the universe of Plato and Pythagoras; there was the sweet-symphonic trio of Tess Bonner, Evelyn Tubb and Mary Nichols; and there was Arion's whirlpool of an echoria, brilliantly executed by Nigel Rogers, Andrew King and Rogers Covey-Crump. With Cavalieri's "Gran Ballo", a Renaissance Eurovision big number ending it, all the age of gold seemed set to dawn once again.

Hilary Finch

Jenny Seagrove, a growingly familiar figure on the screen, opens in *Jane Eyre* at Chichester on Wednesday, and faces the new challenge of a major stage part with a coolly characteristic determination: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare

The strength of an English rose

"I have no idea why people cast me", she says, gulping a glass of iced water and then pushing a hand through her long fair hair. "I suppose I have a face that happens to suit this period of time. The English rose is in fashion. With her milky skin and wide blue eyes, Jenny Seagrove has the face of a rare vase in the window: untouchable, fragile and slightly cool. In fact, much like her characters on screen - the marine biologist in *Local Hero*, the title roles in *Diana* and *A Woman of Substance* and, most recently, the corseted mountaineer Lucy Walker.

On Wednesday, as part of the theatre's silver jubilee, she returns to the stage in Chichester's production of that most English of roses, *Jane Eyre*. "English roses are some of the strongest people around", she insists. "They were the early pioneers. They were the ones who went out abroad. They are not wiling women, but people who have strength and an inner core. Gosh, that sounds pompous."

Unconsciously or not, she is describing herself. The daughter of a roving import-export man, who dealt with everything from chocolates to caterpillar trucks, Jenny Seagrove was born in Kuala Lumpur 28 years ago. Until the age of nine she wore her yellow uniform at a number of schools from Singapore to Kuching. Then, in true colonial tradition, she was dispatched to a school near Reading. "As a little tropical plant brought up in the sun, I never thought I would like England. Now, whenever I'm away, I pine for English weather. I like its changeability, the feel of something against my skin."

Her first wish was to be a vet. "But it was my love of animals that made me decide against becoming a vet. I was just too sentimental." So for all the wrong reasons - "to be all the wrong and glamorous" - she became an actress. She had acted since



Photograph of Jenny Seagrove by Bill Wurtman

husband and mainstay, Madhav Sharma. An actor-director who was born in India and educated, like the Nawab of Pataudi, at Winchester, Sharma is a central influence on her life and work. It was he who directed her in *Hedda in India* (which he also adapted), and it was for him that she recently passed up a very lucrative deal because he was making a film for the BBC. Now he has bought the rights to some plays, she hopes the partnership will blossom even more. "We like working with each other," she says. "It's a means of staying together and creating something at the same time."

One reason for Jenny Seagrove's enviable serenity is the Suffolk cottage where she lives in total privacy with a stouthearted spaniel. "The locals are very protective. If the Press come hunting, they say they don't know anything about us. I once told an interviewer about the cottage, and the magnolia tree we were given as a wedding present. He then pretended that he had not only visited us but also sat under the tree. I was livid. No one comes to see us there, and that's that. Added to which, the tree in question was only a foot high."

Jenny Seagrove admits to being a suggestive actress more than a full-blooded one. While one half of her admirers Diana Rigg's role in *The Avengers*, the other strains towards Ingrid Bergman. "I find it quite hard to over-act", she says, sucking an ice cube. No, she is not intimidated by her return to this "monster of a stage" in the classic part of Jane Eyre. "In front of an audience you learn if what you're doing is right. Films don't fill you up, they drain you. Theatre fills you up. Apart from rep. I haven't had any major exposure on stage. People will be asking 'Can this screen actress do it?'. Loudly crunching the ice cube, she smiles. "And I intend to show them I can."

she was knee-high to a grasshopper. (Her first part was that of Apollo in a Greek dance performed on a grass lawn between two willow trees.) But it took her three years at the Bristol Old Vic Drama School before she loved acting for the work itself. At Bristol, she was one of a distinguished cast. Among her contemporaries were Greta Scacchi (whom she strongly resembles), Miranda Richardson and Daniel Day-Lewis. Among her own proud achievements there is a



Solidity suggested by a fine structure of metal tendrils manoeuvring freely in space in *Masque d'Arlequin*

Galleries

Totally personal

Pablo Gargallo Gimpel fils

When it comes to Catalan sculptors, we know Picasso, because everyone in the world knows Picasso, and we know Gonzalez, because mainly of the Gonzalez gift to the Tate. But of the third member of the triumvirate, Pablo Gargallo, we know virtually nothing. Extensive Spanish celebrations of the centenary in 1981 (he was an exact contemporary of Picasso) produced few ripples elsewhere, and even his appearance in the Hayward's *Homage to Barcelona* show made little impression among so many unfamiliar names. But at least the new show of his work at Gimpel fils until September 6 should do a lot to put matters right.

Gargallo was heart and soul a sculptor, in contrast to the multi-faceted Picasso, who was a close friend and admirer (Gargallo's funny, expressive 1913 portrait head of Picasso is included in the show). He began, like so many of his generation, just about where Maillol began, somewhere in the shadow of Rodin. The earliest pieces here, like the *Petite Volupté à genoux*, are just beginning to diverge from the strong naturalist tradition, and already have their own kind of expressiveness. But the next stage, after Gargallo came under the influence of Cubism, is much more distinctive. Though there is a certain resemblance to the work of Laurens at that time, the confident mannerism of a

small sculpture like *Femme au repos* (1922) and *Petit Marin à la pipe* of the same year, with just about everything you would expect to be convex rendered concave, is absolutely personal to Gargallo.

But most personal of all is the work of the last few years before his early death in 1934, when he moved almost exclusively to the making of figures out of sheet metal. He had been doing so intermittently, with an impish sense of humour (well displayed in the *Chanteuse de cour*, a lively caricature of 1915) for some time. But even the most ambitious later works, like the large figure *Prophète* of 1933, abolish the literalness of solid volume in order to create it imaginatively through the manipulation of empty space.

Something like the portrait head of *Chagall* or the *Masque d'Arlequin* suggests solidity by a fine structure of metal tendrils manoeuvring freely in space, in a fashion we associate much more with the Fifties than the early Thirties. And yet throughout Gargallo's career there is an extraordinary sense of continuity, of a continuing exploration of his chosen medium's expressive possibilities which somehow never loses touch with the personality of the man and his quirky individuality. If we continue not to know Gargallo we are missing out on one of the most captivating and imagination-grabbing sculptors of the 20th century.

John Russell Taylor

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Directors look to Thatcher on Games debt

By Paul Martin

The spreading boycott of the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh has virtually ensured government intervention to stave off financial disaster, Games company directors calculated. "The boycott has put the ball squarely in the Government's court," said Mr Arthur Campbell, a company director and Scotland's Commonwealth Games chairman. Mrs Margaret Thatcher had so great a political interest in showing that the Games were a success despite the boycott action that she would want to avoid any whiff of financial failure.

Secret negotiations have been under way unofficially with the Government for several weeks in an effort to persuade the Prime Minister to guarantee to make up the shortfall, now estimated at between £1.5 and £3 million. The figure is expected to come down, but several Games directors believe they will end up about £1 million short. The negotiations involving members of the Scottish Commonwealth Games Council, the Commonwealth Games Federation and Scottish sports authorities have been conducted mainly through Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland. Mrs Thatcher had refused to contemplate underpinning the Games with government money.

Had the Games proceeded without a boycott, some of the directors had feared that under strict new company legislation they may have been held personally liable for any shortfall if irresponsibility had been shown. "At the very least we would have been subjected to unpleasant and damaging investigations," one director said. "Now we expect to be spared all that." Mr Campbell said it was "convenient" that the boycott would put pressure on the Government to ensure financial stability. Since the threat of boycotts had been one reason for the failure to raise enough commercial sponsor-

Navy's five-tier wedding secret

By Alan Hamilton

A closely-guarded naval secret is uncovered today with the first sighting of the royal wedding cake, a battleship of a confection displacing 240 deadweight pounds on five decks, and with enough ammunition for 2,000 helpings.

Made at the Royal Navy Supply School at HMS Raleigh, Torpoint, Cornwall, by (left to right) Chief Petty Officer Trevor Spicer, Sergeant Alan Starling, and Wren Mandy Platt, the 5 ft 6 in creation was being taken to Buckingham Palace today, carefully packed in wooden crates.

The naval bakers have been at their task for ten weeks, working behind tight security, to avoid possible sabotage or theft of the recipe.

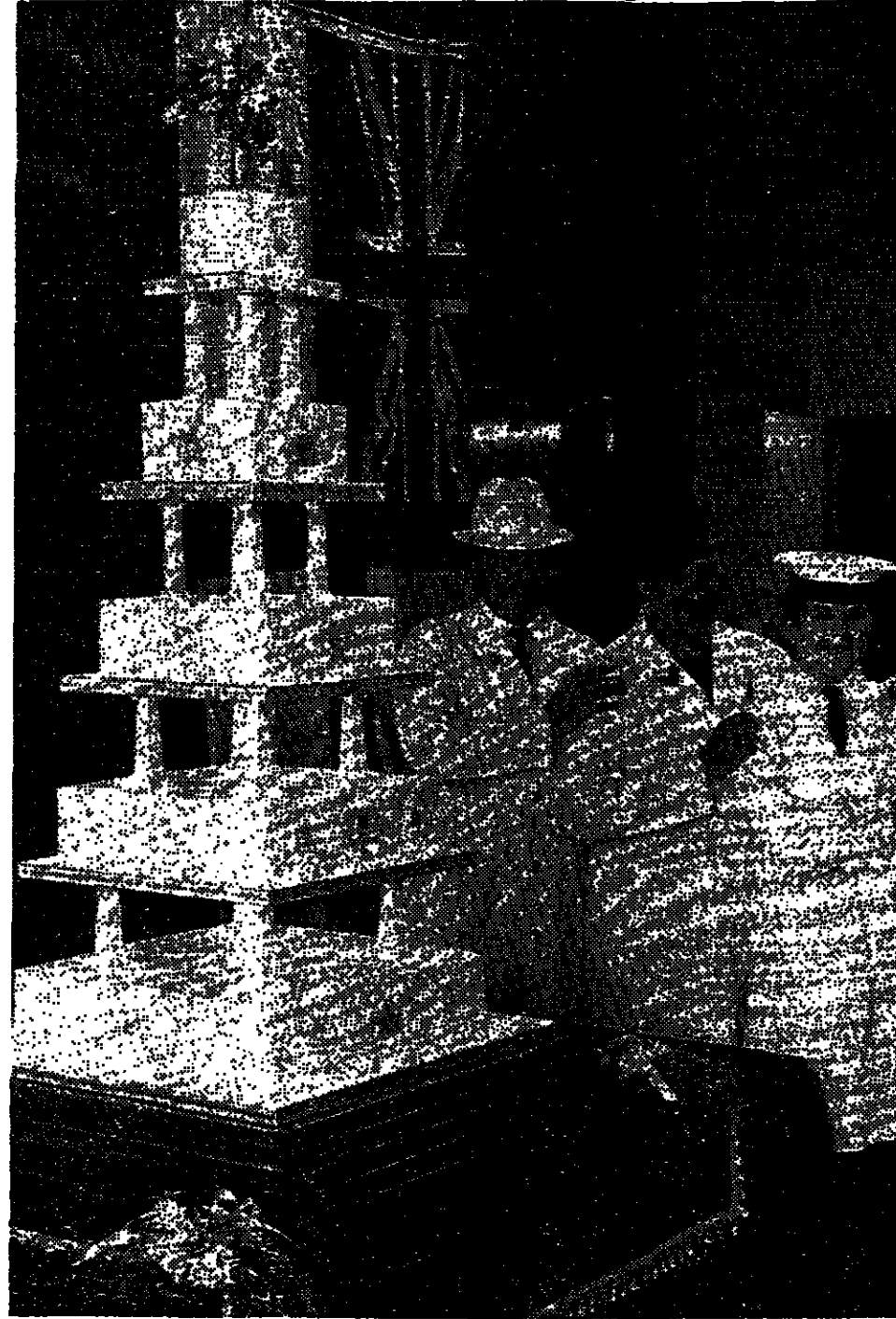
All that is being revealed of the ingredients is that there are 15 of them, liberally laced with rum, brandy and port in proper naval tradition.

Each tier has a theme, painted in icing by Wren Platt, aged 20, who previously worked at her father's hotel on Dartmoor. The bottom 90 lb tier features pictures of Westminster Abbey, Admiralty Arch, Buckingham Palace, and Miss Ferguson's home at Dunmer. The second tier carries the crests of the ships and squadrons with which Prince Andrew has served.

The third has motifs referring to Miss Ferguson, including a polo player, her favourite painting of Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*, and the winged horse Pegasus.

The fourth tier has Prince Andrew's armorial bearings, and the fifth carries the monogram of an entwined A and S. The entire structure is supported by 17 ice pillars.

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Soviet atom plant workers face trial

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dicted when the reactor caught fire and exploded. "It was established that the accident had been caused by a series of gross breaches of the reactor operational regulations by workers at the atomic power station," Tass reported. "Experiments with turbo-generator regimes were conducted at the fourth generating unit when it was sidelined for planned repairs at night."

"The managers and specialists of the atomic power station themselves had not prepared for that experiment, or agreed it with appropriate organizations, although it had been their duty to do so. "Finally, proper supervision was not organized when those experiments were carried out, nor proper safety measures taken... Irresponsibility, negligence and indiscipline led to grave consequences."

The experts noted that the commission appeared to have concentrated the design of the reactor, which is unique to the Soviet nuclear industry. Acting on the report, the Politburo has established a new Ministry of Atomic Power Engineering "to raise the standards of management and responsibility."

It also ordered all existing ministries and departments "urgently to draw up and carry out additional measures to ensure the safe operation of existing power stations."

Other new measures ordered as a result of the commission, whose original chairman is reported to have suffered from excessive radiation, included the re-training and re-assessment of reactor personnel and an expansion of the training programme. The four senior officials sacked by the Politburo were

named as Yevgeny Knov, chairman of the state committee for safety in the atomic power industry, G. A. Shasharin, a Deputy Minister of Power and Electrification, Alexander Meshkov, First Deputy Minister of Medium Engineering and Ivan Yemel'yanov, deputy director of a research and design institute.

As well as being dismissed, the four were subjected to "rigorous party penalties". The Politburo ordered that the former director of the crippled plant, who was dismissed in May, should also be expelled from the party.

One man who escaped dismissal was Anatoly Mayorov, the Power and Electrification Minister, a Gorbachev appointee who took over in March, 1985. The Politburo said that he "deserved to be relieved of his duties for serious shortcomings in supervision of the Chernobyl atomic power station", but had only severely reprimanded him because of his short tenure of office.

The 12-man Politburo drew the special attention of all relevant state bodies to the importance of completing the encasing of the damaged reactor in concrete before the deadline, which was not published. It added that new housing - totalling 700,000 square metres - would have to be built for the rural population evacuated from the contaminated zone.

So far, it is reported, the Soviet people had donated the equivalent of £400 million to the Chernobyl disaster fund. It paid tribute to foreigners who had helped to cope with the disaster. One of these, Dr Robert Gale, the US bone marrow specialist, returned to Moscow last Friday.

Palace denies report on Queen's reaction to Thatcher

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Queen's staff the paper had spoken to.

Mr Neil said yesterday: "I would not have published this story unless I had been absolutely certain of its accuracy. What is surprising is that there was no denial while we were preparing the story, but only at 9.45 on Saturday night when it had already been

picked up by the television news bulletins".

Mr Neil said that the Palace and Downing Street had been in contact over the report on Saturday afternoon, but it was still many hours before any denial was issued.

The Queen has only a handful of senior advisers within the Palace who deal with the political side of her constitutional role. Apart

from Sir William, there is a deputy private secretary, Mr Robert Fellowes, and a press secretary.

Any other member of the Palace staff who spoke to newspapers on political issues would be regarded very much as speaking out of turn.

The Palace invariably denies vehemently any suggestion that the Queen has become involved in any way

in the political arena. Media requests to discuss the Queen's personal view of current topics are firmly rebuffed, and even off-the-record guidance is rarely offered.

It is well known that the Queen values the Commonwealth and her position as its non-political, titular head at least as much as any other part of her constitutional function. But it would be unprecedented

for the current or any previous monarch to express displeasure at political events through the conduit of a newspaper.

With over 30 years in the job, the Queen is infinitely more experienced in the ways of the Commonwealth than any of her advisers or her politicians; at a dinner to celebrate her sixtieth birthday earlier this year, she boasted

that her ninetieth Commonwealth prime minister had just been sworn in.

She is undoubtedly concerned at the threat to the fabric of the Commonwealth which Mrs Thatcher's lone stand on South African sanctions poses, and is certainly dismayed that there will be so many absentees from the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

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Today's events

Royal engagements
Princess Anne, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, opens a new St John Ambulance Headquarters, Winchester, Hampshire, 3. later, as Chancellor of the University of London, attends the annual dinner of the Association of College Unions International - Region 1, hosted by the University of London Union and University College, Gower St, WC1E 6JS.
The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, visits the 1st Battalion in Berlin, departs RAF Northolt, 9.35.
New exhibitions
Portraits and Landscapes by

Derek Hill, the Red Barn Gallery, The Ferry Centre, King's Lynn; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed 11 Aug (ends Aug 16)

Exhibitions in progress
Museums Association Conference exhibition, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 7, Sun 2 to 5 (ends July 26).
The Police, in Portsmouth, including uniforms and memorabilia, Southsea Castle, Portsmouth; Sun to Sat 10.30 to 5.30 (ends November 30).
Recent works by Neil Canning, Swan Gallery, High St, Burford; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30 (ends Aug 16).
New work by gallery artists, Bohun Gallery, 13 Station Rd, Henley-on-Thames; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Wed (ends Sept 11)

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Concert by the Swansea Bach Choir, Oystermouth Church, Swansea, 8.
Flute and organ recital by Mr E Dorricott, the Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 1.
Organ recital by Keith Bosley, St Lawrence, Upton, Slough, 8.
Recital by the David Munrow Anniversary Ensemble, the Church of St John The Baptist, Chester, 8.
Concert by the Minehead and Exmoor Festival Orchestra, Avenue Methodist Church, Minehead, 8.
Recital by the King's Singers, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, 8.
General
Open day at the Tudor House Museum; working exhibits, Tudor House Museum, Friar St, Worcester, 10 to 5.

Nature Notes

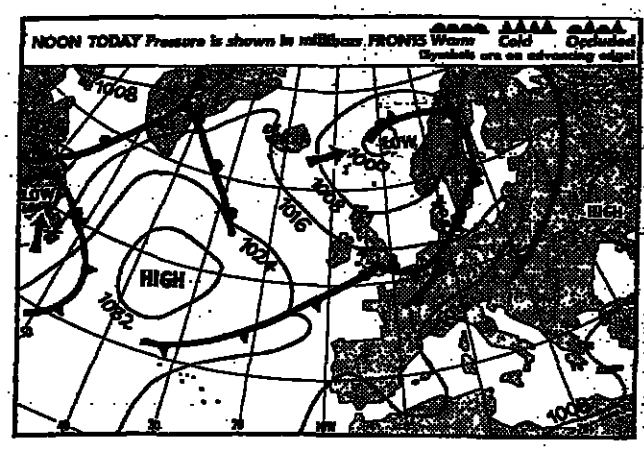
Curlews have finished breeding and are coming down from the moors; their rippling call rings over the estuaries. Many will cross to the Irish coast. Green sandpipers are coming in from Europe - they are the first autumn visitors. Turnstones from the Baltic will also soon be arriving. Coveys of partridges invade gardens that border on cornfields. A few blackbirds are still singing, rather later than in most years, probably because of the slow start to the nesting season. Starlings are beginning to roost in flocks again.
Wild flowers are at their most abundant, and it is easy to find 40 or 50 species in bloom on a short walk through fields and lanes.
Wild pansy, or heartsease, is common at the edge of the field, but has been dropping from the hedges but the silky white flowers of the field rose have taken their place.
The yellow spires of agrimony are growing tall on the roadsides, and fields of grass are a mass of white clover. Yarrow stands high on the young trees, where the mower has missed it.
Gateskeeper and meadow brown butterflies cluster round the bramble bushes. Green lacewing larvae are on aphids; they have long, gauzy wings and golden eyes.
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Roads

London and South-east A1: West-bound carriageway closed at Newham Way, between Massfield Gardens and the junction with the A10, from 6.30 am to 10.30 am. Chertsey Rd, M25: Contrailow between junctions 23 and 24 (South M25) and between junctions 23 and 25 (Potters Bar and A10).
Midlands: M1: Contrailow at junction 20 (Lutterworth, Leicestershire); lane closures between junctions 19 and 21. M6: Lane restrictions and some overnight carriageway closures at junction 4 (Bromsgrove, M54) and junction 4 (A464 Telford, A1: Contrailow at Sawtry, Cambridgeshire).
Wales and West: M4: Lane closures in both directions between junctions 6 (Swindon) and 7 (Chippenham), A26: Restrictions on A26 at Borestone Cross, Swindon, in both directions in each direction on Bodmin bypass, Cornwall.
North: A1(M): Contrailow with closure of 5-bound carriageway and slip roads between junctions 6 and 7 (Thames/M25 interchange), Southbound slip road at junction 6 closed. N-bound access at junction 6 closed. A26: Roadworks on new bypass at Kelsall Hill, Cheshire.
Scotland: M8: Eastbound carriageway closed between junctions 29 (Paisley) and 30 (M898), Strathclyde. M8: Northbound carriageway closed between junctions 9 and 10 (Glasgow).
M74: Two-way traffic on N-bound carriageway, N of Leishahagow, Strathclyde.
Information supplied by AA

Weather forecast

Pressure will be low to N of British Isles and high over Europe. A weak, cold front will move away slowly southwards.
6 am to midnight
London, East Angles, E, W Midlands, S Wales: Becoming mainly dry with bright or sunny intervals developing; wind westerly, light or moderate; max temp 19 to 21C (66 to 70F).
SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle and some hill and coast fog at first, bright or sunny intervals developing; wind westerly, light or moderate; max temp 18 to 21C (64 to 70F).
E, central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Moray Firth: Mainly dry with sunny intervals, wind westerly, moderate; max temp 17 to 19C (63 to 66F).
W Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry with bright or sunny intervals; wind westerly, moderate; max temp 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).
SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, perhaps a light shower, some bright or sunny intervals developing; wind westerly, moderate; max temp 17 to 19C (63 to 66F).
Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Bright or sunny intervals and showers; wind easterly, sunny intervals and scattered showers.
Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Tomorrow in N, sunny intervals and showers, the heaviest and most frequent in NW and N of Scotland, during Wednesday becoming more cloudy in N and W, with outbreaks of rain or drizzle in places. Elsewhere, sunny intervals and scattered showers.

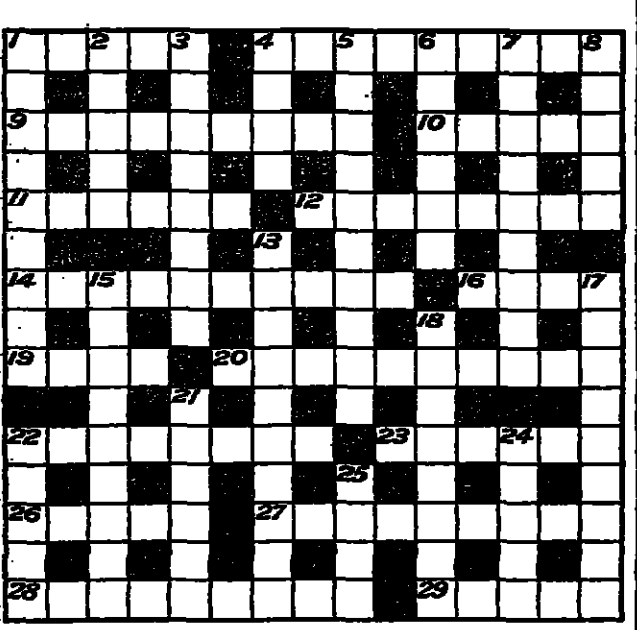


High Tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.35	6.5	2.28	6.5
Aberdeen	1.31	4.1	2.12	4.2
Avalonmouth	7.55	12.3	8.19	12.8
Belfast	11.29	3.7	11.25	3.5
Cardiff	7.40	11.4	8.04	11.8
Dunport	6.34	5.0	6.59	5.3
Edinburgh	11.40	4.3	11.36	4.1
Falmouth	6.04	4.8	6.29	5.1
Glasgow	12.25	4.6	12.1	4.3
Grimsby	12.02	3.7	12.02	3.5
Holyhead	11.00	5.4	11.17	5.7
Hull	6.49	7.0	7.27	7.2
Liverpool	6.48	3.7	6.58	3.5
Leith	2.51	5.3	3.30	5.5
Liverpool	11.55	9.1	11.51	8.9
Londonderry	11.40	6.3	11.36	6.1
Lytham	12.12	4.5	12.37	4.4
Malton	6.48	6.6	7.14	7.0
Newquay	7.1	6.0	7.04	6.0
Oban	6.42	3.6	6.57	4.0
Plymouth	5.31	5.1	5.34	5.4
Portsmouth	7.44	1.8	8.15	2.2
Sharncliffe	11.56	6.0	11.52	5.8
Southampton	11.34	4.4	11.30	4.4
Swansea	6.57	9.0	7.21	9.4
Tees	4.01	5.2	4.39	5.3
Wexford	11.40	6.3	11.36	6.1

Time measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,103



- ACROSS
1 Harbours weeds (5).
4 The code appears heaps more complicated (9).
9 Weighty talk given the bird (9).
10 Those people taking English as a subject (5).
11 Nauseating stuff (6).
12 A dependable man's ally is to broadcast (8).
14 He'll ride after the Italian beast (10).
16 Novelist, abominable as a man (4).
19 Managed without one. Such a come-down! (4).
20 A person's leisure time (10).
22 Drink with a male by the end (8).
23 What's left in trust for the youngest, a teenager (6).
26 Believe nothing long (5).
27 They consider life barely worth living (9).
28 The tourist rigs these out (9).
29 Clothing set in order (5).
- DOWN
1 Complaint of a colourful character? (9).
2 Stop being mean (5).
3 No panacea, that's definite (8).
4 Very little house in London (4).
- 15 Troop miles possibly, seeing the city (10).
6 Collier, the sign-writer (6).
7 "Keep ye the Law - be swift in all" - (Kipling) (9).
8 Upright, yet before the court (5).
13 Loyalty for example dividing a union (10).
15 Changing the punishment (9).
17 See sense maybe, within reason (9).
18 Condemned college head - make certain deputy head follows (8).
21 The way engineers let it stand outside (6).
22 Get over feeling angry (5).
24 This may well lead to a wedding (5).
25 Prison activity (4).

Science survey

The Institute of Manpower Studies is undertaking a major study for the Science and Engineering Research Council on employment patterns of former Science PhD students. Anyone who obtained a research award from the Science Board of the SERC in 1977, 1979 or 1981 but has not yet been contacted by IMS, and would like to participate in the survey, should contact Helen Connor, Research Fellow conducting the study, at the IMS, Mantell Building, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RF (0273 686751). The survey covers three student groups who held the awards in biological sciences, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Comparisons will be made between students from different subject backgrounds and with different types of award.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.152	2.152
Belgium Fr	36.50	36.50
Canada C\$	1.252	1.252
Denmark Kr	13.25	13.25
France F	6.557	6.557
Germany DM	2.334	2.334
Greece Dr	218.00	218.00
Hong Kong \$	7.800	7.800
India Rupee	1.252	1.252
Italy Lire	2220.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	246.00	246.00
Netherlands Gld	3.755	3.755
Norway Kr	11.84	11.84
Portugal Esc	228.50	228.50
South Africa Rd	5.20	5.20
Spain Pta	212.00	212.00
Sweden Kr	10.37	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.00	2.00
USA \$	1.555	1.555
Yugoslavia Dnr	530.00	530.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Dollar rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.
Retail Price Index 396.8
London 100 July closed down 21.4 on Friday at 1295.4.
New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed 177.90 on Friday.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on crime. Gas Bill. Lords amendments.
Lords (2.30): Social Security Bill (third reading). Financial Services Bill, committee, first day.

Anniversaries

Deaths: Robert Burns, Dumfriesshire, 1796; Elias Terry, Small Hythe, Tenterden, Kent, 1928; Louis-Hubert Lyattey, marshal of France and statesman, Thorey, 1934; Albert Johan Lutball, prominent member of the African National Congress, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1960, Stanger, South Africa, 1967.

Lighting-up time

Location	9.35 pm to 4.39 am	9.53 pm to 4.59 am
Belfast	9.53 pm to 4.59 am	9.53 pm to 4.59 am
Birmingham	10.11 pm to 4.28 am	10.11 pm to 4.28 am
Bristol	9.53 pm to 4.59 am	9.53 pm to 4.59 am
Cardiff	9.53 pm to 4.59 am	9.53 pm to 4.59 am
Edinburgh	10.11 pm to 4.28 am	10.11 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester	9.53 pm to 4.59 am	9.53 pm to 4.59 am
Penzance	9.51 pm to 5.07 am	9.51 pm to 5.07 am

Yesterday

Location	Max	Min
Belfast	12.8	6.1
Birmingham	11.8	5.1
Bristol	11.8	5.1
Cardiff	11.8	5.1
Edinburgh	11.8	5.1
Manchester	11.8	5.1
Penzance	11.8	5.1

Bond Winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes, are: £100,000, 1975 665564 (winner lives in Wirral); £50,000, 3EW 661781 (GloUCEstershire); £25,000, 6SW 260489 (Oxfordshire).

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Around Britain

Location	Sun Rain	Max	Min	Cloud
East Coast				
Scarborough	3.0	19	66	cloudy
Doncaster	1.5	19	64	cloudy
Cardiff	4.0	21	70	bright
London	4.2	19	68	bright
Leamington	4.2	19	68	bright
Glasgow	8.1	20	68	sunny
Sheffield	8.1	20	68	sunny
South Coast				
Folkestone	6.2	19	66	sunny
Reading	3.3	20	67	bright
Eastbourne	3.3	20	67	bright
Brighton	3.7	19	64	bright
Weymouth	6.2	19	64	bright
Litlington	6.2	21	70	bright
Bognor	7.1	19	66	bright
Portsmouth	8.1	19	66	bright
Sandwich	8.3	20	69	sunny
Sharncliffe	8.3	20	69	sunny
Swansea	6.8	20	69	sunny
Worcester	10.9	19	66	sunny
Wolverhampton	11.8	19	64	sunny
Exmouth	12.7	18	64	sunny
Exeter	13.5	19	66	sunny
Torquay	14.2	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	5.2	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	14.8	20	68	sunny
Jersey	14.8	18	64	sunny
Guernsey	14.8	18	64	sunny
West Coast				
Sally Isles	4.0	18	64	sunny
Newquay	7.0	21	70	sunny

Abroad

Location	C	F	Cloud
Alicante	23	73	Colo
Alexandria	29	82	Cyph
Algiers	30	80	Duba
Amman	18	64	Dubrovnik
Athens	30	86	Pero
Bahia	29	82	Bar
Barcelona	24	75	Pan
Bombay	29	84	Guat
Bordeaux	19	66	St. Peter
Buenos Aires	19	66	St. Peter
Budapest	17	63	Ker
Cairo	33	87	Lima
Cape Town	24	75	Luz
Chicago	22	82	Ang
Colon	28	82	San
Copenhagen	18	64	St. Peter
Dublin	18	64	St. Peter
Geneva	18	64	St. Peter
Havana	24	75	San
Hong Kong	29	84	Guat
London	19	66	St. Peter
Lyons	19	66	St. Peter
Madrid	24	75	San
Manila	29	84	Guat

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET (Change on week)

FT 30 Share 1295.4 (-41.9) FT-SE 100 1584.4 (-42.0) Bargains 23,173 USM (Datastream) 125.18 (-0.14) THE POUND (Change on week) US Dollar 1.5045 (-0.0017) W German mark 3.2099 (-0.0712) Trade-weighted 73.2 (-1.4)

THF likely to pay £200m for Imps offshoots

Trust House Forte, the hotels group, is expected to announce early this week that it is buying three Imperial Group businesses valued at nearly £200 million. The deal will be the first stage in Hanson Trust's plan to sell more than half Imperial Group, the tobacco to foods conglomerate it bought for £2.8 billion this year. The Imperial businesses concerned include Anchor Hotels, Happy Eater restaurants and the Welcome Break chain of motorway service stations. THF is believed to have supported its bidding with undertakings about future business contacts with Hanson companies. THF is an important customer for Imperial Group products ranging from beer to frozen foods. Meanwhile, there was speculation at the weekend that the next few weeks will see the second phase of Hanson's divestment of Imperial Group companies with the sale of Golden Wonder, the snacks and crisps division, for about £90 million. Golden Wonder produced pretax profits of £8.1 million last year on sales of £117 million. Dalgely, the food group which would have bought the company for £54 million if the United Biscuits plan to merge with Imperial had succeeded this year, has almost certainly been a bidder, but it may now have lost interest. Allied-Lyons and Rowntree Mackintosh have also shown an interest. The sale of the Courage brewing division with its 5,000 pubs, by far the largest part of the divestment programme, is not expected until the autumn. A price as high as £1.5 billion has been suggested. But analysts believe Hanson may delay a sale until the Monopolies Commission has reported on its inquiry into the Elders IXL bid for Allied-Lyons since Elders is believed to be one of the bidders for Courage. The inquiry is due to be completed in September. Associated British Foods, Bond Corporation, and Argyll Group are also said to be interested in Courage. The divestments will leave Hanson with Imperial Tobacco and the Ross and Youngs frozen food divisions as the chief remaining Imperial Group components. There are no plans to sell them.

Mountleigh 'in bid'

Speculation is growing that Mountleigh, the fast-growing property trading company, is behind the bid approaches to United Real, the old-established developer. The bid approaches have been admitted by Mr Maurice Wohl, United Real's chairman.

Rover denial

Rover Group, the renamed BL, yesterday denied that talks had reopened with General Motors about a merger in truck manufacturing involving a possible takeover of GM's Bedford Trucks by Rover.

GEC report

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the General Electric Company's disputed bid for Plessey has gone to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Building up

The National Council of Building Material Producers forecasts three per cent growth in UK construction this year.

RESULTS

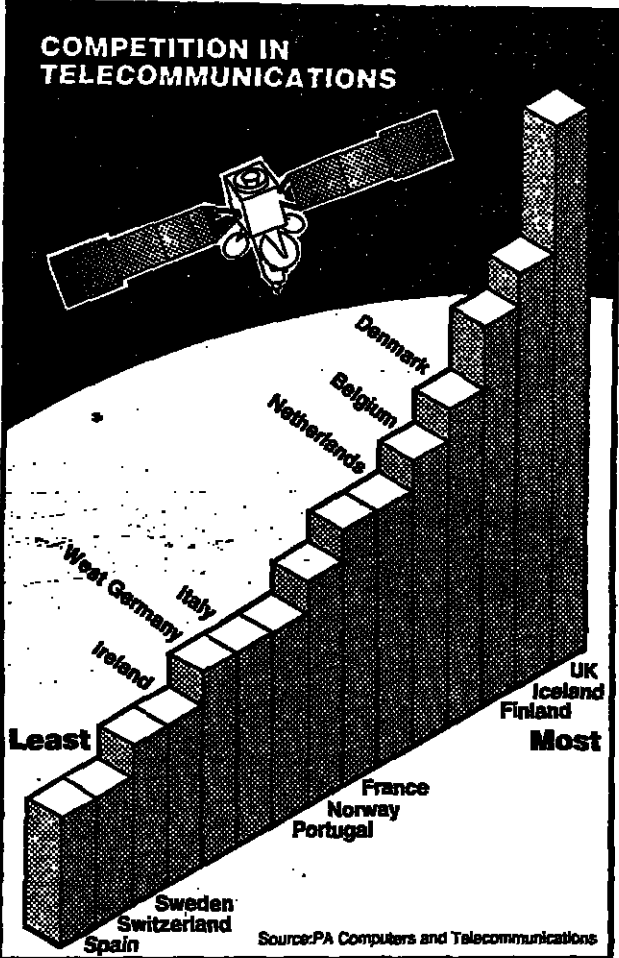
TODAY - Interims: After Corporation SA, Robert H. Lowe, Neil & Spencer Holdings, Temple Bar Investment Trust, Finalists: Arlen Electrical, ASDA-MEI Group, CASE Group, Fleming Enterprise Investment Trust, Gilbert House Investments, Goring Kerr, Real Time Control, Stornard (expected on Tuesday).

TUESDAY - Interims: Bensons Crisps (expected on Wednesday), Crescent Japan Investment Trust, Leda Investment Trust, New Tokyo Investment Trust, St Andrew Trust, Finalists: AAH Holdings, British Bloodstock Agency, Burnside Investments, JT Parrish, Kenyon Securities, Sound Diffusion (expected on Wednesday).

WEDNESDAY - Interims: Bell Canada Enterprises (quarterly), Fleming Fledgling Investment Trust, Finalists: Bespak, Dowty Group, Elbief.

THURSDAY - Interims: Automated Security (Holdings), British Assets Trust (divisional), Bullough, Derby Trust, Edinburgh American Assets Trust, Goode Durrant & Murray Group, Hill & Smith Holdings, Imperial Chemical Industries, Jursys Hotel Group, Ladies Pride, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, SGB Group, Shell Oil Co (second quarter), Tace, Throgmorton USM Trust, Updown Investment Co, Watson & Philip, Finalists: BTS Group, J & J Dyson, Heiton Holdings, Viewplan.

FRIDAY - Interims: Britoil, Lloyds Bank, Finalists: Aisa Investment Trust, Berifords Group, Black Arrow Group, Marling Industries, Alfred Freedy & Sons, Radiant Metal Finishing, Rexmore, William Somerville & Son, Unigroup, Watsham's.



Top billing for UK telephone industry

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent. Britain leads Europe in deregulating the telecommunications industry, according to a 15-nation survey from the consultants, PA Computers and Telecommunications. Spain and Switzerland are at the bottom of the scale, with France, West Germany and most of Scandinavia joining Britain at the top. The countries were measured on the level of competition allowed. Most of Europe's telecommunications industries are still dominated by national telephone utilities. However, Britain has privatized British Telecom, has given a licence to Mercury, another telecommunications operator, and has permitted value-added networks and data services to be supplied by the private sector. The five areas studied were public telephone networks; value-added networks, like managed computer data networks; business communication services, such as electronic mail; computer applications like special electronic libraries or the supply of databases - and equipment. The variations in deregulation are causing problems for suppliers who wish to expand into Europe and for companies which want to standardize the use of equipment. The survey says: "People realize that the whole of Europe is moving towards deregulation, but they are often unaware of the wide spread of starting points."

Investment in tourism up sharply

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor. Investment in tourism and leisure developments jumped by a third in the first half of this year, compared with the previous six months, according to a survey out today from the English Tourist Board. The increase, which Mr Duncan Bluck, the ETB chairman, said was a positive pointer to the improving job prospects in tourism, comes as research shows how increased government spending could boost tourism development further. The ETB, whose budget for helping tourism schemes with cash has been increased by a fifth for the present year, is expected to press the Government for a rolling programme over a number of years with a higher ceiling on spending. Decisions on the spending programme, possibly extending over five years, are expected in the autumn. The Department of Employment, in its annual audit of tourism development, said economic studies indicated that the government assistance scheme was playing a valuable role in creating jobs at local and regional level. In the past four years the £35 million English programme generated a total investment of about £300 million in tourism schemes and is expected to have created 7,220 direct jobs. Additionally, research work for the ETB by Cambridge Economic Consultants indicate that double that number of indirect jobs are also being created. Taking the indirect jobs into account the aid scheme is yielding an average cost per job of £1,600 to £2,400. The half-year audit of tourism investment showed that projects still under construction accounted for the biggest share, but 49 big projects were completed in the period involving £249 million in investment.



Mr Jim Ottinger (left) president for personal computer communications with Digital Communications Associates, in London at the weekend for the Personal Computer User Show at Olympia. The American company is negotiating the \$30 million (£20 million) takeover of Cohesive Network Corporation of California in its battle to stay ahead of IBM in the market for linkages between business personal computers and mainframes. Right is Mr Bruce Coward, chairman of Computer Marketing Associates, which markets DCA products in Britain.

Dollar's slide likely to continue

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent. The dollar, which slumped at the end of last week, is expected to come under further strong selling pressure over the next few days. Doubts about US economic growth and signs of a willingness to cut official interest rates in spite of dollar weakness, could push the currency down much further. Figures for second quarter gross national product will be released in Washington tomorrow. They are expected to show annualized growth of 1 to 1.5 per cent, well down on the first quarter annualized rise of 2.9 per cent. Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, gives his regular Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to Congress on Wednesday. He is known to be impatient with the authorities in West Germany and Japan, who refused to follow the US discount rate cut two weeks ago. Some American analysts expect Mr Volcker to hint at further cuts in the discount rate in an attempt to put further pressure on the other leading countries. The White House is more concerned about growth prospects in the second half of the year, with mid-term Congressional elections approaching, than the dollar's value. The Federal Reserve Board, which appeared to succumb to pressure from the Administration with the last discount rate cut, is likely to face more pressure. A forecast from Merrill Lynch, the US financial services group, predicting no second-half growth in the economy, sent the dollar down to DM2.13 and 156 against the yen last Friday. The broker James Capel, in his International Bond and Currency Review, published today, says that the US Administration has embarked on a policy of deliberately driving the dollar down. "We believe that the US Administration is actively seeking renewed dollar depreciation because of the lack of any significant action by Japan and West Germany to reflate their domestic economies," it says. The dollar is expected to fall to DM2.05 and 152 against the yen over the next three months, according to the review. The pound is forecast to hold up at around \$1.50. De Zoete & Bevan's Exchange Rate Monitor, published at the weekend, says that after falling below DM2.15, the next major support level for the dollar against the mark is 2.00. The pound may strengthen to \$1.60 as the dollar falls, de Zoete & Bevan says, but by the end of the year it is expected to be below \$1.40.

PEP plan is 'likely to fail'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor. The Personal Equity Plans should be set by the Department of Trade and Industry to be introduced next year by the Government in an attempt to stimulate wider share ownership are unlikely to attract significant numbers of new investors, a Bow Group pamphlet published today concludes. "The objective of PEP is excellent, but the proposals in their present form do not go nearly far enough and are likely to result in the objective being stillborn," Mr Alistair Marsella, the merchant bank executive who wrote the pamphlet, concludes. Unlike the French Loi Monory and other successful continental equivalents, the Treasury scheme does not allow PEP contributions against income tax, giving relief only on capital gains and reinvested dividends. This, says Mr Marsella, makes the plans mainly attractive to existing investors who have used their tax free capital gains allowance of £5,300 a year. "We propose full tax relief at source for sums invested up to 10 per cent of gross salary," Mr Marsella also proposes: arrangements to cut the administrative burden of reclaiming small amounts of tax on dividends; full freedom to invest in unit trusts; and freedom to hold unlimited cash within a PEP for some time after shares are sold to allow investors to avoid anticipated falls in share prices. The prospectus on PEPs published last week by the Inland Revenue indicated that only 25 per cent of all but smaller PEPs could be invested in unit or investment trusts, and that once a PEP had accumulated to £2,400 - the maximum annual contribution - only £500 would be allowed to stand in cash. The Bow Group pamphlet argues that the details of PEPs should be set by the Department of Trade and Industry because "the Inland Revenue is concerned with collecting tax and minimizing giveaways." The Inland Revenue prospectus, published as an aid to potential plan managers, does not claim to represent the Government's final view. But the Finance Bill containing PEP proposals has now passed through the Commons and a further Treasury guide to PEPs is to be published this week, making it unlikely that the Government will drastically rethink the plan. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is known to think that the tax cost of full relief against income tax would be too high and conflict with the aim of lowering tax rates. A PEP-up for PEPs, published by Bow Group Publications, 240 High Holborn, London WC1V 7DT, £2.

Egypt seeks debt rescheduling

Cairo (Reuters) - President Hosni Mubarak confirmed yesterday that Egypt is seeking to reschedule some of its estimated \$36 billion (£24 billion) debt. He said debt servicing would be heavy for the next three years and he had discussed delaying payments last week with Italian, French, British and West German leaders. Bankers in Cairo say Egypt is eight months in arrears on repayments of about \$1.5 billion in medium-term supplier credits. The International Monetary Fund estimates Egypt's debt service obligations at \$3.4 billion in the fiscal year which ended June 30. The oil ministers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait arrived in Abu Dhabi yesterday for talks on oil policy with senior United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials before next week's Opec meeting in Geneva, oil industry sources said. The purpose of the talks appeared to be to agree on new oil production quotas for the three Opec members that would cut production and shore up falling oil prices.

£90m boost for shipyards

British Shipbuilders is expected to announce today a £90 million order for two North East shipyards. The contract to build 24 small ferries for Denmark, should provide two years' work at the Sunderland Shipbuilders and Austin and Pickering yards. BS already has plans to cut 925 jobs at the yards and these are likely to go ahead. But the order should prevent further redundancies in the near future. The corporation's annual results to be announced on Thursday, however, are expected to show losses in the region of £100 million. This will make British Shipbuilders one of the heaviest loss-making publically owned companies.

Central Trustee Savings Bank Ltd. and TSB England & Wales.

As part of the restructuring of TSB Group and in consequence of the appointment by the Treasury of July 21st as "Vesting Day," Central Trustee Savings Bank Limited and TSB England & Wales will amalgamate prior to commencement of business on that day. Simultaneously the name of the new bank will become TSB England & Wales pic.



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Bond dealers are bemused over prices

From Maxwell Newton, New York. Further weakness in the US economy has failed to bring down bond yields. This has been disappointing to the bond market participants and, no doubt, also to the Administration, which is now looking at a second half of negligible, or even negative, growth compared with earlier, trumpeted forecasts of 4 per cent growth for the whole of 1986. Industrial production is now below the level of a year earlier. Business sales last month were down by 1.8 per cent, the biggest fall for eight years. Stocks are declining in the business sector. Housing starts in June were down by 0.8 per cent and in the June quarter were 4.15 per cent lower than in the March quarter. Retail sales were slightly better in the June quarter because of a rise in car sales under the now almost permanent "incentive," low-interest schemes being offered by virtually all car companies, including the Japanese, who are grimly hanging on to their market share by shaving their own and their dealers' margins. While the stock market droops, mainly under the influence of a spreading realization that earnings for 1986 will be down, the bond market has failed to draw any stimulus from the generally bad economic news. This has bemused bond dealers, who see what seems to be tailor-made fundamentals failing to convert into lower interest rates and higher bond prices. Indeed, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond has fallen from 7.62 per cent at the end of March to only 7.21 per cent. The recent cut in the discount rate by the Federal Reserve from 6.5 to 6 per cent has provided no incentive for bond prices. Meanwhile, the dollar continues to lose ground. The yen and the mark both achieved 1986 highs against it last week. The Administration gives the appearance of not knowing what to do next, although there are reports that Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, has gained the agreement of the Fed chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, to pursue an aggressive policy of dollar-devaluation, safe from Fed intervention to stymie the efforts by raising the Federal funds rate. Much hinges on Mr Baker's efforts to arrest what looks like a slide into recession, accompanied by further big bank failures. The First Bank of Oklahoma was taken over by First Interstate of California last week to save this important organization from collapse. The Bank of America, having reported a mammoth \$640 million (£425 million) loss in the second quarter, is now close to being taken over by the banking regulators. Commodity prices remain stuck at eight-year lows and a recent tick-up in oil futures is seen as nothing more than the usual shenanigans of the futures pits, having no significance for the trend in the price of crude oil, which is still seen as remaining down at \$10-\$12 for the US standard West Texas intermediate product. The stock markets were dismayed by the second-quarter fall in IBM's profits, something that struck a blow at confidence as Mr JF Akers, the IBM chief executive, forecast little improvement in earnings until there was evidence of an upturn in US fixed-investment spending. The consumer remains the only hope of avoiding a recession, but he is overloaded with debt and is being obliged to pull in his horns as he struggles with shrinking real wages, contracting employment growth and a declining average working week. All other elements in gross national expenditure appear to be negative. These include fixed-investment spending, the change in business stocks (substantially lower than the first quarter's high number), housing, government purchase of goods and services and net exports (still hugely negative at about \$13 billion a month). Gilt-edged, page 18

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USM REVIEW

Special foods whet the takeover appetite

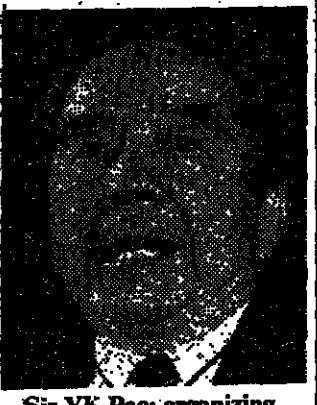
Takeover activity may be slowing on the main market but the past week has been an active one on the USM for bids, particularly in the food sector.

Fresh Bake Foods, a specialist in frozen foods and known for its uncooked savoury pastries, announced an agreed offer for Slaters Food Products, noted for its frozen sausages.

ensure a good profit recovery from Mayhew and the deal looks good therefore for both Northern and Mayhew shareholders.

UK firms set for China deal

Sir YK Pao, the Hong Kong businessman who saved Standard Chartered Bank from being taken over by Lloyds, has put together a consortium of British and West German companies to equip a £2.7 billion (£1.8 billion) steel mill in China.



Sir YK Pao: organizing £2.7bn steel project

get construction under way. The steelworks has been a project of Sir YK's since he visited Ningbo in 1984, his first visit since he left more than 30 years ago.

Other British companies said to be involved include GEC, British Oxygen, Northern Engineering Industries and Babcock & Wilcox.

BASE LENDING RATES table with columns for bank names and interest rates.

COMPANY NEWS

- NORBAIN ELECTRONICS: Dividend 0.7p (1.2p) for the year to April 30. Turnover £19.42 million (£13.78 million).
GLASGOW STOCKHOLDERS TRUST: Interim dividend 0.95p (0.85p), payable on Aug. 22.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table with columns for market rates and forward rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing various international exchange rates for currencies like Argentine, Australian, and Canadian.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table containing interest rates for Euro money deposits, Treasury bills, and Gold prices.

APPOINTMENTS

Four join board of IML

IML: The following have joined the main board: Mr Derek Moore, franchise director. Mr Terry Hales, retail commercial director.



John Scott: director at PA Management

PA Management Consultants: Mr John Scott has been made a director of its public sector and defence market group.

The Gieves Group: Mr David Love is now a director. Jardine Insurance Brokers Group: Mr Robert Emmett and Mr Richard Archer have joined the board.

DRG (CANADA): Six months to June 30, 1986. Pre-tax income Can\$4.65 million (£2.33 million).

UNION BANK: This wholly-owned Californian subsidiary of Standard Chartered reports second-quarter earnings of \$13.4 million (\$2.9 million) - a 17 per cent increase.

CLEMENT CLARKE (HOLDINGS): Boots' offer has been accepted for 7.19 million ordinary shares (89.9 per cent).

PHOENIX PROPERTIES AND FINANCE: Half-year results to June 30, 1986. Pre-tax profit £7,049 (£2,379).

FRANCIS SUMNER (HOLDINGS): John Grey, a subsidiary, has acquired from Hartons Estates the freehold of its factory at Kings Mill, Queen Street, Harle Syke, Burnley, Lancashire, for £80,000 in cash.

ANALYSIS

Fashion's new boutiques

If you are looking forward to a cosy new life within the portals of one of the new financial conglomerates - skip this article. A considerable body of opinion thinks many of you are not going to be staying long.

Walter Scott of Walter Scott and Partners, a small independent fund management company, says: "A lot of people have not fully taken on board intellectually what it takes to work for one of these large organizations."

He set up the company three and a half years ago after his much-publicized departure from Ivory and Sime.

There is evidence from the United States to suggest that this will be the case even though May 1 1975, the day negotiated commissions were introduced.

John Mendelson, the Wall Street guru who ran a research boutique for six years, says: "Negotiated rates saw my revenue drop 50 per cent overnight."

Once the shock waves had subsided there was an increase in boutiques in America specializing in niche areas such as arbitrage, or particular markets, like over the counter.

Another reason why fund management and other sorts of boutique may flourish is that the large institutions even now are finding that certain types of work and transactions below a certain size are not cost-effective.

Types of work below a certain value are not cost-effective any longer, say large institutions

not managed to lay its hands on British pension fund money.

Advances will facilitate the growth of boutiques. He says: "The back office is as important as the front office. We can do things now which used to take 150 employees to do."

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He considers that fund management is a "people business," and that relationships between fund manager and investor will often transcend the institutions they work for.

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6	Hardy & Hansons	Breweries	0.00
7	Samur (Jeff)	Super. printing	0.00
8	RHP	Industrials L-R	0.00
9	Cusins	Property	0.00
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12	Medina	Industrials L-R	0.00
13	Ellis & Goldstein	Drapery stores	0.00
14	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	0.00
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16	Logica	Electronics	0.00
17	Tunstall	Electronics	0.00
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22	Mount Charlotte	Hotels, Catering	0.00
23	Black (A&C)	Newspapers	0.00
24	Pegler-Hatterley	Industrials L-R	0.00
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33	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	0.00
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44	Hutchin Whampoa	Industrials E-K	0.00

BREWERIES

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TENNIS

Little sign of an upturn as the British standard hits a new low

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Australia have advanced to the semi-finals of the Davis Cup competition for the fourth time in 15 years since the challenge round was abolished. That is a superb achievement for a team still playing in the long shadows cast by Newcombe and Roche, Emerson, and Stolle, Laver and Rosewall, and the present captain, Neale Fraser.

events in which the competitive element is questionable. I prefer John Lloyd's view: "I have always felt that you should not sell tickets for the last day. A dead rubber is like a tournament play-off for third place."

of producing another Sangster, another Taylor? It is all very well for Hutchins to point out that the Lawn Tennis Association provide training, coaching, competition, advice, and physical conditioning - and suggest that "it is up to the players' hearts, their guts, their determination, to make the most of all that."

ATHLETICS: FUTURE BRIGHT FOR MOORCROFT AND JACKSON



Eyes down for another Cram winner at Birmingham

Legs with another Olympics in them

By Cliff Temple

As some of the athletes picked up their bags and headed for Edinburgh, leaving others who could only wish they were going, it was the performance of a competitor who was not in any way involved in the Commonwealth Games which most warmed the heart at the Pearl Assurance invitation meeting in Birmingham on Saturday.

Until July 31, David Moorcroft is still the reigning Commonwealth 5,000 metres champion. But his medical problems since 1982 have been well documented and for him suddenly to better one of his personal best performances, securing that glorious summer of 1982 was encouraging to say the least.

As John Walker, the 1976 Olympic 1,500 metres champion, has shown a noteworthy resurgence in recent weeks, and could even succeed Moorcroft as 5,000 metres champion in Edinburgh, it was no surprise to find him winning the 2,000 metres on Saturday in 5min 13.35sec. But for Moorcroft to have finished a brave second in 5min 28.66sec, his fastest ever, holding off the current AAA 5,000 metres champion, Tim Hutchings (another potential successor to Moorcroft in Edinburgh), was to underline how Moorcroft has been frustrated by his own fragile frame in the past four years.

Jackson compared to Nehemiah after gold medal

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Athens

The long jump was almost the breaking of Colin Jackson the British team physiotherapist admitted: "I saw him when we arrived last Monday and I gave him very little chance of even competing. Jackson only took off a high strapping to run his heat on Friday, and then put it back on immediately afterwards."

But Saturday morning, the day of the final and of the first cloudy sky of the week, dawned bright for Jackson. "It was the first time in three weeks that I had felt any pain."

End of the road likely for Waitz

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Grete Waitz, the champion Norwegian distance runner, is suffering from a thigh injury that is likely to end her running career, the national newspaper Dagbladet has reported here.

Drugs suspension plea fails

Rob Gray, a Canadian discus thrower, suspended by his country after a routine drug test, has failed in a last-minute bid to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Gray, a 29-year-old law student from Ontario, took his case to a Canadian court but was told that his appeal must first be considered by the country's Track and Field Association.

Football wisdom of Rous

When asked what it was like to be 90, Sir Stanley Rous used to say that when you considered the alternative, it was splendid.

With Rous's defeat as president of FIFA by Havelange in 1974 came the end of government by committee and the election of executive presidents. Both as secretary of the FA and then with FIFA, Rous administered by the force of his personality as much as the rule of law, to the extent that his domination of FA committees

Intellectual confusion

Steve Cram is in intellectual confusion with his talk of a boycott of the Commonwealth Games by England: in danger of being tripped by his own spikes.

An England boycott, no more likely than the one in 1980, would mean the leadership of Sir Denis Flanagan, might win some African approval but would not have the slightest influence I believe, on Mrs Thatcher. The British Minister's attitude to sports is little different from that of the leaders of Black Africa: a politically expedient tool. Never mind that it never works.

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SPITIAK: American world slalom champion: Men's C-1: M Curre (USA) 1:04.7; Women's C-1: M Curre (USA) 1:04.7; Men's C-2: M Curre (USA) 1:04.7; Women's C-2: M Curre (USA) 1:04.7.

MOTOR RALLYING

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LOOSE: Enterprise world championship: 1st: A Goss (USA); 2nd: A Goss (USA); 3rd: A Goss (USA); 4th: A Goss (USA); 5th: A Goss (USA); 6th: A Goss (USA); 7th: A Goss (USA); 8th: A Goss (USA); 9th: A Goss (USA); 10th: A Goss (USA).

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STAR KNIGHTS: Cup: First round, second round: 1st: J Pugh (Wales); 2nd: J Pugh (Wales); 3rd: J Pugh (Wales); 4th: J Pugh (Wales); 5th: J Pugh (Wales); 6th: J Pugh (Wales); 7th: J Pugh (Wales); 8th: J Pugh (Wales); 9th: J Pugh (Wales); 10th: J Pugh (Wales).

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SUNDERLAND: British national championship: Men's: 1st: M Wood (Australia); 2nd: M Wood (Australia); 3rd: M Wood (Australia); 4th: M Wood (Australia); 5th: M Wood (Australia); 6th: M Wood (Australia); 7th: M Wood (Australia); 8th: M Wood (Australia); 9th: M Wood (Australia); 10th: M Wood (Australia).

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NEWPORT: Rhode Island: Newport women's tournament: 1st: M Wood (Australia); 2nd: M Wood (Australia); 3rd: M Wood (Australia); 4th: M Wood (Australia); 5th: M Wood (Australia); 6th: M Wood (Australia); 7th: M Wood (Australia); 8th: M Wood (Australia); 9th: M Wood (Australia); 10th: M Wood (Australia).

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SPORT

Norman confirms star status at last

By Mitchell Platts

Greg Norman emphatically removed the one flaw in his outstanding record when he captured the 115th Open championship on the Ailsa course at Turnberry yesterday.

Norman, the one 'superstar' in the game whose status was not supported by a win in a major championship, celebrated his tenth year as a professional by claiming the title.

The gallery around the final green rose as one to salute a supreme performance by the 31-year-old son of an Australian mining engineer. Then he held aloft the old claret jug, a far more important reward than the £70,000 first prize and perhaps his mind went back to the moment 15 years earlier when he became entranced by the game after caddy for his mother, who had a handicap of three.

Norman is an imposing figure on the fairways. He strode the historic turf yesterday, where Robert the Bruce and other heroes of the past waged their own particular battles, with the air of a man convinced that his great moment had finally arrived.

A man emerging from the shadow of his reputation

By David Miller

It would be difficult to surpass yesterday at Turnberry: a combination of serene holiday weather, a huge annual public sporting festival, and the private battle of one man to prove an ability some had questioned.

the first green and never posed a challenge over the early holes when Norman's nerve might have been at its most fragile. Norman set the tone for his own day at the third. Bunkered to the left of the green on his second shot, he holed out from the sand, while Nakajima was again taking a five.

noon. The sea glistened with a million jewels under the sun as it stretched out towards Ailsa Craig, and along the seaweed-strewn beach at low tide walked a lone man and his dog. The surf rustled gently; and the huge crowd waited for the high tide of the big blonde Australian.

Card of the course

Table with 4 columns: Hole, Yards, Par, and scores for 10 players. Total scores: 288 and 290.

Not a fair way to judge Turnberry

By John Hennessy

One spectator dismissed the Open on Saturday as having "all the excitement of a morgue". It would be idle to pretend that the last few days at Turnberry have made the pulses race.

can't be that bad. However, you can't attack it in the way we did in 1977. Finally, and perhaps more significantly, golf seems to have become enslaved by pure numbers. Just as athletics too often shuns its natural role of head-to-head competition to decline into an occasion for record-watching in pursuit of records, so golf can become obsessed by scores in relation to par.

FINAL OPEN SCORES

(Great Britain and Ireland unless stated)

- 280 G NORMAN (AUS), 74, 63, 74, 69
285 G J BRAND (WI), 68, 75, 71
286 B LANGRISH (AUS), 70, 70, 76, 69
287 N FALDO (WI), 70, 70, 70
288 S BALLESTEROS (ESP), 70, 75, 73, 64
289 F MARCHBANK (WI), 70, 72, 69
290 C O'CONNOR (IRL), 75, 71, 75, 69
291 C STRANGE (WI), 69, 74, 69
292 A FORSBERG (SWE), 71, 73, 77
293 B CHARLES (NZ), 76, 72, 73, 72
294 R RAFFERTY (WI), 74, 75, 70
295 J MAHAFFEY (US), 75, 73, 75, 72
296 T WATSON (US), 77, 71, 77, 71
297 R MALTHE (US), 78, 71, 75, 72
298 M O'GRADY (US), 75, 75, 77, 70
299 M GRAY (WI), 76, 75, 75, 75
300 S RAMSBO (AUS), 77, 74, 69, 77
301 M MENULTY (USA), 80, 71, 79, 71
302 G CHANDLER (WI), 72, 72, 78, 74
303 D MOORE (WI), 74, 79, 74
304 D HAMMOND (WI), 74, 79, 78
305 D JONES (WI), 79, 75
306 T HORTON (WI), 73, 82, 74
307 G WEIR (WI), 69, 80, 80
314 K MOE (US), 76, 74, 82, 82



Supporting act: Bruno exits as Witherspoon shows the show (Photograph: Chris Smith)

Bruno's future can still shine

In the early hours of yesterday morning Frank Bruno sat in his dressing room at Wembley after his defeat by Tim Witherspoon, the World Boxing Association heavyweight champion, with an ice bag on his distorted face, a grotesque reminder of 11 grueling rounds.

Now not the time for retiring

For a while afterwards it seemed that Bruno had forgotten that for 10 rounds he had not only given the best performance of his career, but in now bowing to the champion, he had been born again, baptized and confirmed as a world contender.

Athey is retained as Moxon joins the openers' club

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

Each match England play at the moment incorporates a trial to find the best opening partner for Gooch. For the first Test match against New Zealand at Lord's on Thursday, sponsored by Combill, he has been given Martyn Moxon of Yorkshire.

had a stiff neck last Friday morning. Athey would probably not have had the chance to play the wholly admirable innings that has kept him in the side. Now Benson is out of it, having himself been chosen in the first place only because Larkins was injured.

Moxon probably owes his selection to his two centuries (123 and 112) not out for Yorkshire against the Indians last weekend, when the Indians were winding down after the Test series. Athey owes his to his unbeaten 142 in last Friday's one-day international against the New Zealanders.

Greg LeMond, the 26-year-old American, yesterday achieved a teenage dream by becoming the overall leader of the Tour de France.

CRICKET

Test 12

Table with 2 columns: Tests and Age. Lists players like M W Gearing, G A Gooch, M D Moxon, C W J Athey, D J Gower, D R Pringle, J E Embury, P H Edmonds, G R Dilley, N A Foster.

Athey at No 3. Had the side been chosen 24 hours later - on Saturday night, that is, rather than Friday night - I fancy Athey might be going in first, where, after all, he made his big score at Old Trafford, and that Robin Bailey would have got in ahead of Moxon.

CYCLING

LeMond achieves a dream

From John Wilcockson, Col du Granon, Serre Chevalier

Greg LeMond, the 26-year-old American, yesterday achieved a teenage dream by becoming the overall leader of the Tour de France.

by a crash at a critical moment in the race. Millar had topped the spectacular Izard Pass ahead of LeMond, with less than 25 miles to go.

Professional tricks thrown in

Bruno refused to be overawed by the champion, who had expected him to freeze under his assault in the first seven rounds. But Bruno not only carried the fight to Witherspoon throughout the first 10 rounds, he threw in all the professional tricks of holding and spinning as well.

Professional tricks thrown in

The big difference between the two men was that Bruno, at 16st 3lb, against Witherspoon's 16st 10lb, was always stretched to the limit in trying to match punches with the champion. Witherspoon, on the other hand, was very much in control throughout and round after round increased the pressure, ever pushing the challenger towards unknown territory.

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Large vertical advertisement for 'MP's Pala dis' and 'Srikanth Sen Boxing Correspondent' with various text and graphics.